

SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN
MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL GROUP
Notes of the meeting held on Monday 1st November 2004, at 2.30pm
Council Chamber, Penllergaer Civic Centre

Present

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| Geoff White (Chair) | Neath Port Talbot CBC |
| Ceri Morris | Neath Port Talbot CBC |
| Mike Jones | Neath Port Talbot CBC |
| Carol Williams | Pembrokeshire CC / PCNPA |
| Dave Harries | Pembrokeshire County Council |
| Steve Bool | Bridgend County Borough Council |
| Nick Oakes | Ceredigion County Council |
| Clifford Parish | City & County Of Swansea |
| Ruth Henderson | City & County Of Swansea |
| R Probert | City & County Of Swansea |
| Audrey Evans | Environment Agency (SW Wales) |
| Neil Bateman | Carmarthenshire County Council |
| Philip Marks | CYLCH |
| Sue Martin | Welsh Assembly Government |
| Andy Street | SLR Consulting Ltd. |

1. **Apologies**

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| Graham Dorrington | Ceredigion County Council |
| Alison Thomas | City & County Of Swansea |
| Ruth Brown | Brecon Beacons National Park Authority |
| Cathy O'Brien | Welsh Assembly Government (Waste Strategy Unit) |
| Miranda Lewis | Environment Agency |

2. **Minutes of the Technical Group meeting held on 16th September 2004**

Item 5: It was noted that a reference for the need to provide clarification and further planning guidance in the Addendum on the location criteria for hazardous waste treatment facilities had been omitted.

Action: CM to add the following: "*CO raised the need for the Addendum to include planning criteria for hazardous waste treatment plants which is a separate issue to the GIS exercise which is aimed at landfills*".

3. **RWP Addendum:**

- **Progress on the work of the Regional Municipal Waste Group**

Andy Street gave a presentation on the Position Statement Report "*A Regional Approach to the Management of Municipal Waste*", which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The presentation provided:

- an outline of the Position Statement on a regional approach to municipal waste management;
- a review of infrastructure provision for municipal waste in South West Wales;
- an assessment of the advantages and disadvantages of a regional approach; and
- a summary of conclusions and recommendations.

Discussion ensued and the following main points were noted:

- Identifying a suitable mechanism for the ‘pooling’ of targets will prove difficult;
- The ‘pooling’ of targets will require the active support of the WAG;
- CP highlighted an e-mail circulated from the WAG regarding ‘pooling’ allowances. It was emphasised that the Landfill Allowance Scheme (Wales) Regulations 2004 apply to individual local authorities and that there is no mechanism under these regulations for ‘pooling’ allowances. The legal duties fall on individual local authorities and these cannot be aggregated to a regional level;
- CP reported that the WLGA would support regional working; and
- The RTG cannot progress until a definitive yes/no answer is given by the WAG regarding the issue of ‘pooling’.

The following was **agreed**:

- Prior to the Member Forum meeting on Friday 3rd December, a subsequent RTG meeting be held with representatives from the WAG to further discuss the issue of ‘pooling’;
- Robert Williams and Russell Owens to be invited to attend along with Cathy O’Brien and/or Andy Rees. **Action:** SM to arrange and provide suitable dates.

At this point Andy Street left the meeting.

- **GIS Mapping Research: Progress Report from the WAG**

SM referred to the draft ‘*Specification for Mapping Areas of Interest for Sub-Regional Waste Sites*’, which had been circulated.

The scope of the research is intended to be as comprehensive as possible in that the project will be developed in two parts:

- The landfill location and GIS mapping; and
- The locational criteria and GIS mapping of all other types of waste management facilities.

The Steering Group would include representatives from the RTG and the copyright of the research would rest with the WAG.

Detailed comments on the draft Specification should be forwarded to SM by Friday 12th November. **Action:** All.

4. **Date of Next Meeting**

To be arranged.

5. **Any Other Business**

None was raised.