

SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN
MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL GROUP
Notes of the meeting held on Friday 28th January 2005, at 10.30am
Conference Room, Penllergaer Civic Centre

Present

Geoff White (Chair)	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Ceri Morris	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Howell Beaton	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Carol Williams	Pembrokeshire CC / PCNPA
Dave Harries	Pembrokeshire CC
Audrey Evans	Environment Agency (SW Wales)
Neil Bateman	Carmarthenshire County Council
Clifford Parish	City & County Of Swansea
Alison Thomas	City & County Of Swansea
Sue Martin	Welsh Assembly Government
Cathy O'Brien	WAG Waste Strategy Unit
Frances Machin	WAG Waste Strategy Unit

1. **Apologies**

Philip Marks	CYLCH
Steve Bool	Bridgend County Borough Council
Huw Jenkins	Bridgend County Borough Council
Phil Williams	Carmarthenshire County Council
Eifion Bowen	Carmarthenshire County Council
Hugh Towns	Carmarthenshire County Council
Ruth Brown	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Graham Dorrington	Ceredigion County Council
Nick Oakes	Ceredigion County Council
Karin Black	Environment Agency
Miranda Lewis	Environment Agency

2. **Minutes of the Technical Group meeting held on 23rd November 2004**

The minutes were **agreed** to be a true record and there were no matters arising.

It was noted however, that WAG representatives were unhappy with the minutes and wished to underline that the wording did not necessarily reflect a 'balanced' view of the meeting.

3. **RWP Addendum:**

- **Progress on proposals to meet the requirements of the Landfill Allowance Scheme**

GW highlighted the need for each authority to report to the Member Forum in March, on their proposals to meet the requirements of the Landfill Allowance Scheme (Wales) Regulations 2004 and the need for residual waste treatment capacity in the context of the existing Regional Waste Plan and individual Municipal Waste Management Strategies.

HB reported that SLR Consulting Ltd had been instructed to contact each authority in the region in order to prepare a presentation for the next Member Forum meeting.

It was agreed that SLR be instructed to circulate a copy of the draft presentation to the RTG by the end

of Monday 21st February to enable discussion of the implications at the next RTG meeting. **Action:** HB.

4. **Regional Waste Group Contract**

GW referred to Annex C of the contract 'Changes and Clarification to Target Dates'.

It was highlighted that by 31st March 2005 there is a requirement to complete the First Monitoring Report / Position Statement and to agree Draft Hazardous Waste Locational Criteria for consultation. There is a need to carry out an immediate review of the RWP in relation to hazardous waste planning in consultation with the other Regional Waste Groups.

Action: GW / CM to liaise with South East Wales and North Wales to agree Draft Locational Criteria and present to the next All-Wales Liaison meeting.

With regard to the Annual Monitoring Report, it is important to include all the available data. It was noted that the South East Region had prepared a methodology for establishing 'Capacity of Existing Facilities'. It was agreed that it would be useful to share the information and should be discussed at the next All-Wales Liaison meeting.

It was accepted that even the amended timetable will inevitably slip.

5. **GIS Mapping Research: Progress Report from the WAG**

SM reported on the progress being made regarding the GIS Mapping Research.

It was confirmed that the WAG GIS team based in Aberystwyth would not be carrying out the research. As such, the 'project specification' has been finalised and invitations to tender circulated. It is hoped that the presentations / interviews will take place during the week commencing Monday 21st February.

It is the intention to commence the research at the earliest opportunity following the completion of the selection process.

6. **Waste Management (E&W) Regulations 2005: The Implications for Planners**

CO provided a brief summary of the implications of the Waste Management (E&W) Regulations 2005. As a result of the new Regulations:

- the status of agricultural and mining / quarry waste will change;
- there will be an increase in the amount of 'controlled' waste (i.e. non-natural materials would become controlled waste); and
- there would not be any real impact with regard to planning related issues.

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

It was **agreed** that the next meeting be held at 11.00am on Thursday 24th February.

8. **Any Other Business**

GW referred to the e-mail received from Andrew Emery – a Research Associate based at the Wales Waste & Resources Research Centre, requesting membership of the RTG. It was **agreed** that it would be useful to gain any technical assistance on offer but it should exclude them from benefiting from any research contract resulting from the work of the RTG. **Action:** GW to respond on this basis.

SM highlighted that at this stage a further effort should be made to engage the Industry in the process.
Action: CO to provide contacts for the CBI and Chamber of Commerce. CM to also contact CCW.

LDP's: SM reported that although the LDP's will provide a streamlined plan, waste issues will still need to be dealt with thoroughly.