

SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN
MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL GROUP
Notes of the meeting held on Friday 15th April 2005, at 10.30am
Council Chamber, Penllergaer Civic Centre

Present

Geoff White (Chair)	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Ceri Morris	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Carol A Williams	Pembrokeshire CC / PCNPA
Dave Harries	Pembrokeshire CC
Neil Bateman	Carmarthenshire County Council
Hugh Towns	Carmarthenshire County Council
Phil Williams	Carmarthenshire County Council
Alison Thomas	City & County of Swansea
Roy Probert	City & County of Swansea
Graham Dorrington	Ceredigion County Council
Audrey Evans	Environment Agency (SW Wales)
Miranda Lewis	Environment Agency
Sue Martin	Welsh Assembly Government
Graham Bishop	Wales Environment Trust
Karen Maddock-Jones	CCW

1. **Apologies**

Nick Oakes	Ceredigion County Council
Clifford Parish	City & County of Swansea
Philip Marks	CYLCH
Ruth Brown	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Steve Bool	Bridgend County Borough Council
Leanne Kyte	WDA South West Division

2. **Minutes of the Technical Group meeting held on 24th February 2005**

The minutes were **agreed** to be a true record.

Item 8: CM confirmed the two year contract extension with ‘Sticky Web Design Ltd.’ for the regional waste plan website.

Item 8: GW reported that the meeting between the Chairs of the regional waste groups and Carwyn Jones AM has been arranged for Monday 25th April. A briefing note is being prepared for Cllr. Palmer.

3. **Regional Waste Group Contract**

• **First Monitoring Report**

CM referred to the circulated *Draft Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)*.

Following agreement at the last RTG meeting, it was noted that for consistency purposes the AMR mirrored the format and content of the reports produced in each of the other two regions. The AMR was taken page by page and the following comments were made: (**Action:** CM)

- Paragraph 1.10: Amend to read “...*Subsequent Annual Monitoring Reports should however, meet*

the full requirements”;

- Clarify throughout the AMR, whether the data presented is in tonnes or kilograms;
- Figures 1 & 2: check figures for 2002/03 and 2003/04;
- No data available for Targets 2 & 3. It was agreed that the data gaps that exist need to be addressed as soon as possible. **Action:** ML to report on the Industrial & Commercial Waste Survey at the next meeting;
- Paragraph 2.11: Amend to read “...*It should be noted that new regulations, to be implemented in July 2005, will cause an increase in the number of wastes classified as ‘Hazardous’...*”;
- Target 6: Landfilling of Biodegradable Municipal Waste: concern was expressed at the statement “...*From the figures it can be concluded that the region is showing the correct trend of reduction at an appropriate speed*”. It was agreed that the comment should be amended to acknowledge the current uncertainty that exists concerning the waste stream. In particular, it was highlighted that there is a need to clarify the definition of municipal waste;
- Figure 8: include a date for the figures;
- Paragraph 2.25: Amend to read “...*The WAG has commissioned a report that will be published in draft in May 2005*”;
- Figure 10 provides a position statement on the progress of implementing the RWP into Development Plan policies. It was noted that the South East region had suggested indicators to judge whether individual authorities had fully implemented the requirements of their RWP. It was highlighted that for the second AMR there maybe a need to agree indicators across Wales. **Action:** CM to circulate Indicators – to be discussed at the next meeting;
- Paragraph 3.11: due to the fact that Appendix 2 is now out of date, delete from the AMR and any reference to it. There is still a need to cross-reference the section of the report to the Stage 1: Strategic Assessment Report.

It was **agreed** that all officers review the sections of the report that are specific to each individual authority and report any necessary amendments by end of play Monday 18th April. **Action:** All.

Once the AMR has been agreed by the Member Forum (29th April), an electronic copy and 3 hard copies will be submitted to the WAG. **Action:** CM.

- **Report on Hazardous Waste – Draft for Consultation**

GW referred to the circulated *Report on Hazardous Waste – Draft for Consultation*.

It was noted that the Draft Report had been produced by South East Wales and had simply been ‘tailored’ to accommodate the South West region. The Report was taken page by page and the following comments were made: (**Action:** CM)

- Para. 11: The paragraph as currently drafted essentially refers to open gate facilities. It should be noted that a separate engineered cell exists at the private facility in Corus. Clarify and amend;
- Para. 14: clarify the date of implementation as Para. 2.11 in the AMR;
- Para. 15: Amend to read “...*However, any increase in quantity cannot be predicted...*”;
- Para. 18: Add “*Collection – Civic Amenity Sites*”;
- Para. 21 / 62 / 64: refer to Risk Assessments – should this be included?
- Para. 33: update current status;
- Para. 36: the WAG and EA were unhappy with the wording as it effectively ‘rules out’ the option of hazardous waste incineration in the region. **Action:** CM to check status of the South East Report;
- Para. 46: Include a footnote defining ‘asbestos’;
- Para. 50: Amend to read “...*From July 2005 asbestos can still be disposed of in such cells but must be physically segregated from other wastes*”;
- Para. 52: requires clarification;

- Page 13: Amend title to read “*Locational Criteria for the Planning of Waste Management Facilities*”;
- Para. 57: Reword / delete last sentence;
- Para. 59 Positive Location Criteria (table): include the term “*accessibility*”;
- Negative Location Criteria (table): Include “proposed sensitive uses” in the guidance relating to ‘amenity’ and delete ‘Implementation of development proposals or allocations’;
- Negative Location Criteria (table): guidance on nature conservation / ecology – Amend to read “..that they would have an **adverse** impact on..”;
- Para. 64: Amend to read “...It will also advise the Environmental Assessment which **maybe** required in respect **of planning** applications for hazardous waste management facilities”.

It was noted that SM and ML wished to reiterate their concerns regarding the content of the report.

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

SM reported that the first Steering Group meeting had been held on 6th April, attended by officers from RPS, the WAG, Environment Agency, CCW, Planning Officers Society and the three regional co-ordinators. Subsequent Steering Group meetings have been arranged for 28th April and 2nd June.

It is anticipated that a draft report will be available by 1st June and the final report by the end of June. A dissemination and training seminar will be held at an all-Wales level on Tuesday 12th July and subsequent presentations will be arranged for each of the regional groups.

5. **Capacities – Existing & Proposed Facilities**

CM referred to the circulated supporting note and provided a brief explanation of the context of the issue. It was **agreed** that the matter should be discussed in greater detail at the next RTG meeting following circulation of the paper from the WAG.

6. **Proposals for Technical Group attendance**

Following agreement at the last RTG meeting, CM confirmed that letters had been sent to CCW, CPRW, National Association of Waste Disposal Officers (NAWDO), Wales Environment Trust, WDA, WESA, WLGA, WRAP, Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Forum, to encourage wider involvement in the work of the Group.

Responses had been received from CCW, Wales Environment Trust, West Wales Chamber of Commerce, WLGA, WRAP and the WDA. It was noted however, that there is a continuing lack of response from the Industry. **Action:** SM to contact Andy Rees to take the issue further.

7. **Date of Next Meeting** - To be arranged.

8. **Any Other Business**

SM requested feedback concerning the issue of BPEO and whether it is considered as an obstacle in achieving the required facilities. The issue could result in the need to review the guidance set out in TAN21.

GB provided a brief outline of the scope of his work with the Wales Environment Trust. It was **agreed** that a more comprehensive summary be circulated to the group. **Action:** GB/CM.