

SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN
MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL GROUP
Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 24th February 2005, at 11.00am
Committee Room A & B, Neath Civic Centre

Present

Geoff White (Chair)	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Ceri Morris	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Alan Harvey	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Carol Williams	Pembrokeshire CC / PCNPA
Dave Harries	Pembrokeshire CC
Neil Bateman	Carmarthenshire County Council
Hugh Towns	Carmarthenshire County Council
Alison Thomas	City & County Of Swansea
Steve Bool	Bridgend County Borough Council
Phil Williams	Carmarthenshire County Council
Nick Oakes	Ceredigion County Council
Audrey Evans	Environment Agency (SW Wales)
Miranda Lewis	Environment Agency
Andy Street	SLR Consulting Ltd.

1. **Apologies**

Sue Martin	Welsh Assembly Government
Cathy O'Brien	WAG Waste Strategy Unit
Frances Machin	WAG Waste Strategy Unit
Philip Marks	CYLCH
Ruth Brown	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Karin Black	Environment Agency
Howell Beaton	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Graham Dorrington	Ceredigion County Council
Huw Jenkins	Bridgend County Borough Council
Clifford Parish	City & County Of Swansea

2. **Minutes of the Technical Group meeting held on 28th January 2005**

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

3. **Progress on Proposals to meet the Requirements of the Landfill Allowance Scheme**

Andy Street gave a presentation on the '*Summary of Proposals to Meet the Landfill Allowance Scheme in South West Wales*'. A copy of the presentation was circulated and is therefore not repeated.

The following issues were raised:

- the proposals are centred around municipal waste, there is also a need to examine what capacity there is to accommodate other waste streams;
- the requirement to deal with municipal waste will 'drive' the need for infrastructure;
- is the focus of our work too narrow? – should the region be doing more collectively to attract companies into the area to provide the necessary facilities?;
- in terms of meeting the requirements of the Landfill Allowance Scheme, it should be highlighted that there is concordance between the authorities in the region;
- in reality however, there are a limited number of sub-regional facilities. As such, the

importance of working in partnership should be stressed;

It was **agreed** that subject to minor amendment, the '*Summary of Proposals*' be presented to the Member Forum. **Action:** AS.

4. **Regional Waste Group Contract**

- **First Monitoring Report**

CM referred to the circulated *Draft Outline for the First Monitoring Report*.

It was noted that officers in the South East Region had drafted the format and that it would be beneficial for all three regions to agree a common approach. The document principally identifies data gathering requirements and highlights the sources of such data.

ML confirmed that the Environment Agency will provide as much information as possible but underlined that certain elements of data will not be available by the required deadline. The following was **agreed**:

- the format and content of the First Monitoring Report;
 - there is a need to approach the WAG to determine a realistic deadline for the report. **Action:** GW/CM;
 - CM to attend a meeting with the EA and officers from South East Wales to discuss data gathering; and
 - each local authority to provide the required data as soon as possible. **Action:** All.
- **Draft Hazardous Waste Locational Criteria**

CM reported that officers from the South East region had agreed to provide an initial draft of the locational criteria, which once completed would be circulated for comment. **Action:** CM.

The locational criteria that exists in the South West and South East RWP's and the GIS Mapping Exercise will be used as a starting point.

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

GW reported that the interviews had taken place and Consultants have been selected. The contract is to be finalised next week and the research will commence at the earliest opportunity.

It was requested that each Local Authority provide information outlining what can be provided electronically (i.e. UDP / Local Plan maps and digitised information). **Action:** All.

6. **Proposals for Technical Group attendance**

It was decided at the last meeting that a further effort should be made to involve a wider variety of organisations in the work of the Technical Group. It was **agreed** that the following organisations be approached: CCW, CPRW, National Association of Waste Disposal Officers (NAWDO), Wales Environment Trust, WDA, WESA, WLGA, WRAP, Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Forum. **Action:** CM.

CM also clarified that a representative from the Wales Waste & Resources Research Centre would not be able to provide technical assistance as was originally reported. It was decided that prior to agreeing their involvement, the contribution they make to the South East Group should be investigated. **Action:**

CM.

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

It was **agreed** that the next meeting be held on Thursday 24th March.

8. **Any Other Business**

GW referred to an e-mail received from Pat Mears (Caerphilly CBC), regarding a letter sent from Cllr. Paul Ford to Carwyn Jones AM. The letter highlighted concerns regarding the cost implications for implementing the RWP's in Wales.

The Minister has agreed to a meeting to discuss the concerns and the intention is to invite the Chair plus one officer from each of the three regions. **Action:** GW to circulate the e-mail / letter for information.

CM reported that the Authority had received a quotation from 'Sticky Web Design Ltd.' to maintain the *Regional Waste Website* for a further two years. It was **agreed** that the contract should be extended.