

SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN
MEETING OF THE REGIONAL WASTE PLAN FORUM
Notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2004, at 10.30am
Penllergaer Civic Centre

Present

Councillor P Palmer (C)	Carmarthenshire County Council
Councillor T Theophilus	Carmarthenshire County Council
Councillor B Hall	Pembrokeshire County Council
Councillor R R Hayes	Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority
Councillor R M Granville	Bridgend County Borough Council
Councillor W H C Teesdale	Bridgend County Borough Council
Councillor A Lloyd-Jones	Ceredigion County Council

Officers

Geoff White	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Ceri Morris	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Howell Beaton	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Nick Oakes	Ceredigion County Council
Neil Bateman	Carmarthenshire County Council
Eifion Bowen	Carmarthenshire County Council
Philip Williams	Carmarthenshire County Council
Steve Bool	Bridgend County Borough Council
Huw Jenkins	Bridgend County Borough Council
Ruth Henderson	City & County Of Swansea
Alban Forster	SLR Consulting Ltd.

1. Apologies

Councillor T D Morgans	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Councillor D Vaughan	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Councillor K Evans	Ceredigion County Council
Councillor K T Rowlands	Bridgend County Borough Council
Councillor M Taylor	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Carol Williams	Pembrokeshire CC / Pembrokeshire Coast National Park
Dave Harries	Pembrokeshire County Council
Ruth Brown	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Cathy O'Brien	Welsh Assembly Government
Audrey Evans	Environment Agency (South West Area)

2. Minutes of meeting on 27th February 2004

Agreed to be a true record.

Item 3: GW reported that a paper to lobby the Welsh Assembly Government and European Union for clear guidance and direction regarding the issue of hazardous waste would be circulated for Members comment prior to the end of May. **Action:** GW.

3. Notes of the Technical Group meeting 16th April 2004 - Noted.

4. **RWP Addendum:**

• **Progress on the work by the Regional Municipal Waste Group**

Alban Forster gave a presentation on the progress being made on the work by the Regional Municipal Waste Group. A copy of the presentation was circulated and is therefore, not repeated.

Discussion ensued and the following main points were noted:

- A potential way forward would be to examine the ability of the region to 'pool' its targets;
- When considering the 'pooling' of targets, the question of how this will sit with the proximity principle will need to be looked at. It could be argued that dealing with waste within the region is a proximal solution;
- The Welsh Assembly Government has indicated that they would welcome discussing the various possibilities / options that are available to the region with regard to meeting the various targets;
- There is a need to relay to WAG that there is potential for conflict between certain targets;
- In terms of locating sub-regional facilities, the Industry will be wary of both the proximity principle and economies of scale; and
- It will be important to have the Industry on side when discussing such issues with WAG.

In light of the points raised, it was agreed that a meeting with WAG should be arranged in order to discuss the concerns. **Action:** GW to write to WAG requesting a meeting.

• **Draft Addendum – Interim Position Statement**

GW referred to the Interim Position Statement that had been circulated prior to the meeting and briefly outlined progress to date.

5. **Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Tuesday 6th July 2004.

6. **Any other business**

None was raised.