

SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN
MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL GROUP
Notes of the meeting held on Friday 13th August 2004, at 10.00am
Penllergaer Civic Centre

Present

Howell Beaton (Chair)	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Ceri Morris	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Carol Williams	Pembrokeshire CC / PCNPA
Steve Bool	Bridgend County Borough Council
Graham Dorrington	Ceredigion County Council
Nick Oakes	Ceredigion County Council
Clifford Parish	City & County Of Swansea
Audrey Evans	Environment Agency (SW Wales)
Neil Bateman	Carmarthenshire County Council
Phil Williams	Carmarthenshire County Council
Sue Martin	Welsh Assembly Government
Philip Marks	CYLCH
Miranda Lewis	Environment Agency

1. **Apologies**

Geoff White	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Andy Rees	Welsh Assembly Government
Ruth Brown	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Cathy O'Brien	Welsh Assembly Government
Huw Jenkins	Bridgend County Borough Council
Dave Harries	Pembrokeshire County Council
Alison Thomas	City & County Of Swansea

2. **Minutes of the Technical Group meeting held on 25th June 2004**

Agreed to be a true record and there were no matters arising.

3. **RWP Addendum:**

- **Progress on the work of the Environment Agency**

ML circulated a series of maps to accompany the GIS Mapping report and proceeded to provide a summary of the main points.

Discussion ensued and the following main points were noted / agreed.

- It was stressed that the maps are an initial draft and one or two layers still need to be added to the model. The layers that could not go on the current draft for practical reasons (e.g. geology) will significantly affect the final composite map;
- Buffer zones have been applied from the outer boundary of the various land uses / designations as opposed to a centre point;
- Any change to the buffer zones will affect the composite map;
- It was **agreed** that there is a need to further refine the criteria;
- It was noted that throughout the report, reference is made to "suitable" areas for landfill. This is essentially inaccurate and may lead to misinterpretation. It is more useful at this stage to refer to

areas that are not appropriate. The report should refer to “areas of non-search”. **Agreed.**
Action: ML.

- It was noted that the Municipal Officers Group are to finalise a report regarding infrastructure requirements for the region by early September. This report should be fed into the process at the earliest opportunity. **Agreed.**
- When presenting the ‘first stage’ report to Members, it should be emphasised that it is a first draft and that further work is necessary;
- To progress further, there will be a requirement for the RTG to apply a weighting to the criteria (i.e. prioritise the criteria in terms of importance);
- With regard to the timetable of incorporating such work into UDP preparation, SM confirmed that only the implications of the final ‘agreed’ Addendum need to be taken into account; and
- ML confirmed that the EA has only committed itself to finalising the first stage. There will be a need for discussions between the EA, WAG and Neath Port Talbot to take a view on both progressing to the next stage and how such work is to be funded / resourced.

4. **Update of representatives for the Member Forum**

The following was reported:

Bridgend County Borough Council: No change.

Carmarthenshire County Council: No change.

Pembrokeshire CC / PCNPA: No change.

City & County Of Swansea: Cllr. John Hague to replace both Cllr. D I E Jones & Cllr. Byron Owen.

Ceredigion County Council: To be confirmed.

5. **Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Thursday 16th September.

6. **Any Other Business**

CM reported that Neath Port Talbot CBC has received a letter from a local resident concerning the Regional Waste planning process. One issue raised questions the statutory basis for the WAG to create the regions in Wales and has requested confirmation of the legislative basis of this decision.

SM confirmed that the local resident should be advised to write directly to Kay Powell at the WAG.
Action: CM.

SM confirmed that the Waste Grant Contract has now been finalised. All that remains is for Neath Port Talbot to formally sign the contract. **Action:** GW.

Regarding the GIS mapping exercise, as the EA has only committed themselves to achieving this first stage, SM requested a meeting to discuss the potential to both fund continued work for the South West region and implement a similar exercise for the other two regions in Wales. **Agreed. Action:** SM / ML.