

SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN
MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL GROUP
Notes of the meeting held on Friday 25th June 2004, at 2.00pm
Penllergaer Civic Centre

Present

Geoff White (Chair)	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Ceri Morris	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Vaughan Thomas	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Clifford Parish	City & County Of Swansea
Audrey Evans	Environment Agency (SW Wales)
Neil Bateman	Carmarthenshire County Council
Sue Martin	Welsh Assembly Government
Andy Rees	Welsh Assembly Government
Ruth Brown	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Nick Oakes	Ceredigion County Council
Philip Marks	CYLCH
Miranda Lewis	Environment Agency

1. **Apologies**

Howell Beaton	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Carol Williams	Pembrokeshire CC / PCNPA
Steve Bool	Bridgend County Borough Council
Cathy O'Brien	Welsh Assembly Government
Graham Dorrington	Ceredigion County Council
Dave Harries	Pembrokeshire County Council
Alison Thomas	City & County Of Swansea

2. **Minutes of the Technical Group meeting held on 16th April 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 gave a presentation on the selection of potential landfill sites using GIS. A copy of the presentation will be circulated and is therefore not repeated. **Action:** ML / CM.

Discussion ensued and the following main points were noted.

- It was stressed that the maps are an initial draft and one or two layers still need to be added to the model;
- The current draft maps have been produced using criteria with a standard 1-mile buffer. There is a need for the RTG to accurately identify the required distance of the buffer;
- Any change to this buffer will affect the composite map;
- Where applicable minimum distances should apply (i.e. 250 metres). **Agreed;**
- Include existing landfill sites within the model. **Agreed;**
- Include minimum distances identified under the Habitats Directive. **Agreed. Action:** GW to establish;
- There may be a requirement for the RTG to apply a weighting to the criteria (i.e. prioritise the

criteria in terms of importance); and

- With regard to timescale, it was **agreed** that the composite map and accompanying report would be produced by the next RTG meeting. **Action:** ML.

4. **Agenda for Member Forum on 6th July**

In order to allow for further progress, it was agreed that the next Member Forum meeting be postponed, subject to agreement with the Chair. **Action:** GW to contact Cllr. Palmer.

5. **Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting be held at 10.00am, Friday 30th July at Penllergaer Civic Centre.

6. **Any Other Business**

All confirmed acceptance of the paper on Hazardous Waste, recently circulated to Members.

GW reported that a meeting had taken place with the WAG to discuss the problems that remain with the Regional Waste Contract. SM confirmed that following that meeting the legal team had been consulted and hopefully the situation will be resolved shortly.

It was highlighted that a 'Policy Clarification Note' regarding UDP's and Waste Policies had recently been circulated by the WAG.