

**SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE PLAN 1<sup>st</sup> REVIEW**  
**MEETING OF THE REGIONAL WASTE PLAN FORUM**  
**Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2006, at 10.30am in the**  
**Council Chamber, Penllergaer Civic Centre**

**Present**

Councillor P Palmer (C)	Carmarthenshire County Council
Councillor B Hall	Pembrokeshire County Council
Councillor R R Hayes	Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority

**Officers**

Geoff White	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Ceri Morris	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Richard Workman	Carmarthenshire County Council
Philip Williams	Carmarthenshire County Council
Hugh Towns	Carmarthenshire County Council
Alison Thomas	City & County of Swansea
Steve Bool	Bridgend County Borough Council
Dave Harries	Pembrokeshire County Council
Audrey Evans	Environment Agency (SW Wales)
Miranda Lewis	Environment Agency Wales
Adrian Jones	WAG Waste Strategy Unit
David Harding	Wales Environment Trust

**1. Apologies**

Councillor E Morgan	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Councillor K Evans	Ceredigion County Council
Councillor R G Harris	Ceredigion County Council
Councillor P A Hacking	Bridgend County Borough Council
Councillor D Lewis	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Councillor P Lloyd	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Councillor D C Evans	Carmarthenshire County Council
Councillor A Robinson	City & County of Swansea
Ruth Brown	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Roy Probert	City & County of Swansea
Neil Bateman	Carmarthenshire County Council
Carol A Williams	Pembrokeshire CC / Pembrokeshire Coast National Park
Huw Jenkins	Bridgend County Borough Council
Howell Beaton	Neath Port Talbot CBC

**2. Minutes of the Forum meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2006**

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

**3. Notes of the Technical Group meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2006**

Noted.

**4. Report on Hazardous Waste**

CM confirmed that both Ceredigion County Council and Bridgend County Borough Council had now endorsed the Report.

**Action:** CM to inform the WAG that the Report has now been endorsed by all local authorities and ‘signed-off’ by the Forum.

## 5. Regional Waste Group Contract

### • **Annual Monitoring Report 2006**

CM reported that late comments had been received from the EA concerning Section 3.2.4 ‘Current / Forecast Arisings of ELV’s (paragraphs 3.2.6–3.2.10). The view expressed was that as only around 30% of sites had made returns, the data presented provides little benefit at the regional scale.

It was recommended that Paragraphs 3.2.6–3.2.10 (including Figures 23 & 24), be deleted and replaced with one paragraph combining the relevant parts of paragraphs 3.2.7 and 3.2.8. **Agreed.**

Subject to incorporating the amendment, the AMR 2006 was **agreed**. **Action:** CM to submit the AMR to the WAG.

- **Developing a Spatial Element to the RWP 1<sup>st</sup> Review**  
[Draft Consultants Brief: Identification of ‘Areas of Search’ for Regional & Sub-Regional Facilities] – For information – Noted.
- **Health Impact Assessment**  
[Draft Consultants Brief] – For Information – Noted.

It was noted that the EA’s specialist on HIA had recommended changing the title to ‘Health Risk Assessment’, pointing out that HIA can only really be done at the site / proposal specific level whereas at the regional / strategic level we would only be comparing relative risks.

It was **agreed** that whilst it was probably not necessary to change the title, it would be necessary to qualify this point at an early stage in the HIA Report. **Action:** CM to liaise with Coordinating Authorities.

### • **Timetable**

GW referred to the circulated paper concerning the WAG ‘Requirements for the Revision of the Regional Waste Plans’ and the coordinated response sent on behalf of the three regions.

It was highlighted that in the view of the lead authorities, the WAG had made a number of unacceptable requests and had also informed the Coordinating Authorities that the deadline for the completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Review would only be extended to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007 (a 3 month extension as opposed to the requested 6 months).

The Coordinating Authorities have responded by specifically requesting that the WAG re-consider this decision. It was noted that the next all-Wales Coordinator meeting is scheduled to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> May; however, the lead authorities are seeking an urgent meeting in the interim. **Action:** CM to inform the Group of any progress.

## 6. Relationship with SW Wales Regional Economic Forum

The Forum **agreed** the following regarding future joint working:

- The Chair of our Group would become a member of their Technical Officers Group, and in that capacity, would attend meetings of their Steering Committee and the full Forum as an observer;
- The respective minutes of the Member Fora would be included, where appropriate, on the respective agendas;
- There would be mutual consultation in appropriate cases;
- The SWWEF Coordinator would attend meetings of our Forum as an observer.

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held at **10.00am, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, in the Council Chamber, Penllergaer.**

**8. Any Other Business**

Cllr Palmer informed the Group of a recent visit to Holland (organised by the WLGA) to view state-of-the-art Incinerators. Cllr Palmer emphasised that 'energy from waste' is becoming more important and that the visit was both informative and inspiring. There are plans to organise further visits to Holland.