

SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE PLAN 1ST REVIEW
MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICERS GROUP
Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th March 2006, at 10.30am
in the Council Chamber, Penllergaer Civic Centre.

Present

Geoff White (Chair)	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Ceri Morris	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Howell Beaton	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Carol A 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
Philip Marks	CYLCH
Karen Maddock-Jones	CCW
Graham Bishop	Wales Environment Trust
Graham Dorrington	Ceredigion County Council
Audrey Evans	Environment Agency (SW Wales)
Miranda Lewis	Environment Agency Wales
Mark Watson	Environment Agency Wales
Sue Martin	Welsh Assembly Government
Jo Smith	Welsh Assembly Government
Adrian Jones	Welsh Assembly Government (Waste Strategy Unit)

1. **Apologies**

Nick Oakes	Ceredigion County Council
Huw Jenkins	Bridgend County Borough Council
Roy Probert	City & County of Swansea
Ruth Brown	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

2. **Minutes of the Technical Group meeting held on 25th January 2006**

The minutes were **agreed** to be a true record.

Item 2: Protocol for GIS Mapping Research – SM reported that the current draft of the Protocol is to be amended to include a reference to the issue raised regarding the REGIS sites included in the 1st Area of Search and how this should be approached. **Action:** SM to circulate the Protocol when completed.

Officers were again requested to check the data specific to their area and report any issues of concern by the end of March. **Action:** All.

Item 4: Wales Spatial Plan – CM reported that to date no information had been received regarding the progress in the preparation of the ‘Project Initiation Document’ (PID) for Waste Strategy. It was noted that officers from Carmarthenshire are now leading this work. **Action:** CM to contact Phil Williams.

Item 4: Strategic Waste Management Options – CM referred to the previous debate concerning the wording of the Options and confirmed that the various issues raised across the 3 regions had been discussed at the all-Wales level. The following amendments were noted:

- ‘Mass Burn’ – suggested rewording to ‘Mass Burn with energy recovery’. It was noted that

officers still had reservations in the use of the term 'mass burn'. It was **agreed** that Options 1C / 2C / 3C & 4C should read '*Incineration with energy recovery*';

- Option 2 – amended to read '*An Energy from Waste-led strategy for residual waste*'. **Agreed.**
- '*Anaerobic digestion*' has been included in option 2. **Agreed.**

Item 6: Planning Monitoring Fees – SM reported that the legislation will now come into force on 6th April.

Item 6: Training on new Waste Technologies – AJ reported that the dates for the seminars had now been finalised and that each authority would be receiving formal notification shortly.

3. **Report on Hazardous Waste – Endorsement Update**

Officers from the two remaining authorities yet to confirm endorsement reported the following:

Bridgend CBC: To be confirmed by 28th March. **Action:** SB.
Ceredigion CC: Endorsed.

4. **Regional Waste Group Contract**

- **Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) 2006**
- **Forecasting Waste Arisings in the AMR**

GW referred to the circulated Draft AMR 2006 and supplement paper on Forecasting. It was agreed that the Draft report be taken issue by issue. The following comments / amendments were **agreed**:

- *Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)* – need to refer to the change in definition of MSW. The implication of a change in definition is likely to have a big impact on figures. **Action:** ML to contact RO;
- *Forecast Arisings of MSW* – the collection of garden waste is likely to have a big impact on future figures;
- *I&C Waste* – add caveat identifying that comparing the data from the two surveys should be treated with caution, due to the sample size in each survey;
- *Forecast Arisings of I&C Waste* – the view was expressed that whilst the figures indicate a reduction in both Industrial and Commercial waste, Commercial waste is expected to increase;
- *C&D Waste* – Delete paragraph 2.4.15;
- *Forecasting* - should be discussed and agreed at the all-Wales level. MW highlighted that forecasting will need to be completed prior to the running of the WRATE software
- An assessment of year-on-year growth of each sector should be incorporated into the AMR.

Action: CM to circulate amended AMR to officers prior to circulation to Members.

Subject to incorporating the above amendments and completion of the 'Final Analysis' section, the AMR 2006 was **agreed**.

- **Developing the Spatial Element of the RWP 1st Review**
[Notes of the meeting with RPS (for information) / Consultants Brief (Identifying 'Areas of Search']

CM referred to the circulated documents and highlighted the following points:

- the Consultants Brief has been agreed by the three coordinating authorities;
- it is anticipated that the project will be funded by the WAG and the project management will be delegated to the regional waste groups (to be confirmed);

- Neath Port Talbot CBC will act on behalf of the three regions and be the client organisation for the contract;
- the project will build upon and refine the existing GIS research by focussing initially on the 1st and 2nd areas of search;
- a review of the base data (i.e. UDP allocations / REGIS sites) will be an important element of the work;
- a presentation on the Draft Report will be provided to each of the three Technical Officer Groups giving the opportunity for officers to comment and a presentation on the Final Report will be provided to each of three Member Fora;
- it is intended that the project will commence by the end of March / early April with the view to completion by September.
- **Health Impact Assessment (Draft Consultants Brief) – Noted.**
- **Timetable**

GW reported that the request for a six month extension to the contract deadline for the completion of the 1st Review is to be discussed / formally agreed at an all-Wales meeting to be held on Thursday 9th March.
Action: CM to confirm any agreed extension.

5. **Relationship with SW Wales Regional Economic Forum**

Officers **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.

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

It was confirmed that the next meeting is to be held at 10.00am on Tuesday 28th March. It was noted however, that this may be subject to change.

7. **Any Other Business**

Sustainability Appraisal – CM reported that the EA Wales has requested each of the three coordinating authorities to provide a list of Stakeholder organisations that are to be included in the ‘Indicator Weighting’ exercise for each region. A draft list has been prepared for comment. Action: CM to circulate / Officers to provide comment by Friday 10th March.

SM reported that a meeting between representatives from the WAG, WDA and regional coordinators had recently take place to discuss the potential of bringing forward land under the ownership of the WDA that would be suitable for waste management facilities. It was highlighted that the WDA has a database of sites that could potentially be utilised if agreement on site suitability could be reached.