

SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN
MEETING OF THE REGIONAL WASTE PLAN FORUM
Notes of the meeting held on the 4th July 2002, at 2.00pm
Penllergaer Civic Centre

Present

Councillor P Palmer	Carmarthenshire County Council
Councillor K T Rowlands	Bridgend County Borough Council
Councillor T D Morgan	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Councillor D Thomas	City and County of Swansea
Councillor K F King	Bridgend County Borough Council
Councillor D Vaughan	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Councillor R R Hayes	Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority
Councillor B Hall	Pembrokeshire County Council

Officers

Geoff White	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Howell Beaton	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Will Watson	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Alban Forster	SLR Consulting Ltd
Tony Yates	SLR Consulting Ltd
Bleddyn Jones	Ceredigion County Council
Carol Williams	Pembrokeshire County Council / Pembrokeshire National Park
Huw Roberts	Pembrokeshire County Council
Ruth Brown	Brecon Beacons National Park
Gareth Jones	Carmarthenshire County Council
Eifion Bowen	Carmarthenshire County Council
Bryan Graham	City & County Of Swansea
Clifford Parish	City & County Of Swansea
Huw Jenkins	Bridgend County Borough Council
Steve Bool	Bridgend County Borough Council

Apologies

Councillor A Lloyd-Jones	Ceredigion County Council
Councillor K Evans	Ceredigion County Council
Councillor T Tuesfield	Carmarthenshire County Council
Councillor D I E Jones	City & County of Swansea
Councillor B Owen	City & County of Swansea

1. Constitution and Memorandum of Undertaking of the South West Wales Regional Waste Plan Forum

The Draft Constitution was agreed (a copy of the revised constitution is attached to these minutes) subject to the following amendments:

- a) Substitute of the word "Plan" for "Strategy" throughout the document;
- b) Revise paragraph 3(iii) to make it clear that the aim is to enable targets to be met; and
- c) Revise paragraph 24 of the memorandum to make it clear that involvement of the authorities did not include any financial input.

It was noted that it would now be for each Authority to agree the Draft.

Assurance was given that the funding from the Assembly to Neath Port Talbot, at the level indicated in meetings, was considered sufficient to meet the requirements of providing the Waste Assessment and Waste Plan, subject to the Assembly meeting any identified research requirements relating to data gaps.

2. Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Co-ordinator to the Forum

In accord with the Draft Constitution, Councillor P Palmer (Carmarthenshire County Council) was elected Chair of the Forum. Councillor Palmer thanked members of the forum for the confidence showed in her.

Councillor T D Morgan (Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council) was elected Vice Chair.

It was agreed that officers of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council would provide the Co-ordinator.

3. South West Wales Regional Waste Plan Technical Group

The setting up of a Technical Group, consisting of the organisations as circulated, was agreed.

4. Presentation on the proposed stages and milestones to agree the Regional Waste Plan

Members received a presentation by Alban Forster of SLR Consulting Ltd, appointed by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to facilitate the preparation of the Regional Waste Assessment and Regional Waste Plan. The key milestones for the Members Forum were outlined as follows:

October 2002:	To consider the Stage 1 assessment of waste requirements and options.
February 2003:	To consider draft options.
May 2003:	To consider draft strategy.

A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes. In the discussion that followed, the following points were noted:

- a) The need for the Consultants to facilitate the process of agreeing the Regional Waste Plan and not just to present their view.
- b) The need for planning options to look at UDPs in their present and emerging form so that the emergence of the Regional Waste Plan creating difficulties at UDP Inquiries is minimised.
- c) The need for clarity on the level of detail included in the Regional Waste Plan, with a general census that it would not be site specific but it would make allocation of facility requirements either at a County level or some clear spatial criteria.
- d) The need to define more clearly the requirements for and timing of publicity. It was agreed that the Technical Group would examine this and agrees a paper for consideration at the next meeting.
- e) The need to consider how to respond to proposals for regional facilities in the lead up to agreeing the Regional Waste Plan. It was agreed that the Technical Group would examine this.

5. Draft Press Release

It was agreed to amend the Draft Press Release by substituting the word "Plan" for "Strategy" where this occurs. It was further agreed that it would be revised to make clear the distinction between the Regional Waste Plan and existing Municipal Waste Strategies. A revised Draft would be circulated within 7 days and once agreed, this would be released.

6. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next forum meeting would be in October at a date and time to be agreed.

