

SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE PLAN MEETING

THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2002.

Present:

Howell Beaton	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.
Huw Jenkins	Bridgend County Borough Council.
Sue Martin	National Assembly for Wales.
Andy Rees.	N.A.W Waste Policy Support Unit.
Bryan Graham	City and County of Swansea.
Clifford Parish	City and County of Swansea.
Carol A Williams.	Pembrokeshire C.C. (Planning) Pembrokeshire Cost National Park (Planning).
Gareth Jones	Carmarthenshire County Council.
Eifion Bowen	Carmarthenshire County Council.
Neil Bateman	Carmarthenshire County Council.
Julie Tate	Environment Agency Wales.
Shane Evans	Environment Agency Wales.
Steve Bool	Bridgend County Borough Council.
Ruth Brown	Brecon Beacons NPA.
Graham Dorrington	Ceredigion County Council.
Geoff White	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.
John Flower	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

1. Apologies.

Huw Roberts	Pembrokeshire County Council.
Niall Reynolds	Environment Agency.

2. Proposals by NPTCBC to fulfil its obligations as lead authority for the Waste Assessment and Plan.

The proposal is for NPTCBC to engage SLR, leading consultants on waste, to collect and collate data on waste in accord with the TAN in co-operation with Local Authorities, EA, the Waste Industry and other sources (Stage 1), to look at options, forecasts etc, and produce a waste assessment (Stage 2), and to assist in the preparation of the Waste Plan (Stage 3). In addition, NPTCBC would provide both technical and planning expertise to support the process and assessment as well as administrative support.

An extract of the proposal letter from SLR was circulated together with the 'Template' for producing the strategy produced by the NAW Waste Policy Support Unit which together with the TAN formed the basis of the proposal.

Concerns were raised over the level of commitment required by Local Authorities. At Stage 1 there was agreement that co-operation on providing existing data would be forthcoming. Significant research to fill data gaps was an issue to be identified by SLR. Either research would be funded by NAW on an all Wales basis, or assumptions made to deal with the gaps. At later stages and beyond, it was inevitable that there could be greater commitment of Local Authority resources, primarily planning.

The proposals were agreed.

Actions.

Any Rees to provide electronic version of North West RTAB study
NPTCBC to engage SLR.

3. Proposals for Technical Group.

It was agreed that the Technical Group for Stage 1 should consist of:-

- a. 1 from each (8) planning authority
- b. 1 from each (6) waste authority
- c. Environment Agency Wales
- d. NAW Planning and Waste Policy Support Unit
- e. WDA
- f. WRAP
- g. SWW Regional Environment Forum (GW to check boundaries)
boundaries include Bridgend (East) and Ceredigion (Mid), so these will also be added.
- h. CBI Wales
- i. Wales Environment Services Association
- j. Cylch.

It was also agreed that this be revised for Stage 2 so that pressure groups such as CPRW and FOE are engaged in the process, either as part of the Technical Group or as part of a wider consultation exercise. A first meeting of the Technical Group was agreed for 10.30, 31st May at Penllergaer, with meetings also at the end of Stages 1 and 2, with other meetings to be held as necessary.

Actions.

NPTCBC to set up meeting on 31st.

NPTCBC to write to pressure groups to advise them of their later involvement.

NPTCBC to talk to Dick Crawshaw re: boundaries and how to cover any gaps.

4. Management Arrangements.

A number of options were discussed and it was agreed that for the later stages (by Stage 3) that a Management Group involving all planning authorities would be needed.

For Stage 1, a Management Group of NPTCBC (GW and HB), Environment Agency (JT) and NAW Waste Policy Unit (AR) was agreed, but that this arrangement be reviewed for Stage 2. First meeting Penllergaer 10.00a.m. 23rd May with SLR. Other organisations to be co-opted to the Group as necessary.

5. Meeting of Member Forum.

A first meeting to discuss Constitution, Technical Group, work timetable/milestones in June was agreed.

NPTCBC to contact Cllr Palmer (Carms) re: possible dates, set up meeting; and to brief her on current position.

6. Any other business.

a) Current position in S.E and N.Wales. Sue Martin advised that S.E were now up and running with Pat Mears (Caerphilly) leading, and Barry Hankey doing the work.

In North Wales, a meeting next week would (hopefully) resolve the issue of lead authority. Once that had been resolved, a co-ordination meeting would be held as soon as possible.

b) Environment Action. Shane Evans drew everyone's attention to the May 2002 issue, which had an article on waste issues. It is available on the E.A. web site.