

SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN
MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL GROUP
Notes of the meeting held on the 20th September 2002, at 2.00pm
Penllergaer Civic Centre

Present

Geoff White:	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Ceri Morris:	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Vaughn Thomas:	Neath Port Talbot CBC
John Flower:	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Alban Forster:	SLR Consulting Ltd
Tony Yates:	SLR Consulting Ltd
Nick Oakes:	Ceredigion County Council
Graham Dorrington:	Ceredigion County Council
Andrew Adcock:	National Assembly for Wales
Niall Reynolds:	Environment Agency Wales
Carol Williams:	Pembrokeshire County Council / Pembrokeshire National Park
Richard Crawshaw:	South West Wales Economic Forum
Peter Kendall:	Carmarthenshire County Council
Neil Bateman:	Carmarthenshire County Council
Gareth Jones:	Carmarthenshire County Council
Cathy O'Brien:	Waste Strategy Unit (WAG)
Paul Meller:	City & County Of Swansea
Clifford Parish:	City & County Of Swansea
Adrian Stewart:	WESA
Huw Jenkins:	Bridgend County Borough Council
Steve Bool:	Bridgend County Borough Council

1. **Apologies**

Sarah Downes:	WRAP
John Sheppard:	South East Wales Economic Forum
Ruth Brown:	Brecon Beacons National Park

2. **Notes of meeting held on 31st May 2002**

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

3. **Draft Strategic Assessment Report**

GW confirmed that all information had been circulated prior to the meeting, but had experienced problems printing tables 2.2, 2.8, 2.9a, 2.9b, 2.10a and 2.10b of the report. (**Action: TY to rectify problem and GW to circulate the missing data**).

Alban Forster gave a presentation on the Draft Strategic Assessment Report. A copy of the presentation was circulated and is therefore, not repeated.

Discussion ensued and the following main points were noted.

- All detailed comments on the draft Strategic Assessment Report should be forwarded directly to SLR Consulting Ltd. by Friday 27th September 2002. (**Action: All**).
- CO informed the Group that a view had been taken by the South East Wales Technical Group that

it would be beneficial to have an agreed set of assumptions to be used across Wales. It was agreed that the Regions should consult on this issue.

- Concern was expressed over the gaps in the research and whether data gathering could move in parallel with progress. AF confirmed that the data is the best available at this stage and could envisage no problems in moving the process forward with the current gaps in the data.
- GW expressed concerns over the issue of forecasting. CP underlined the need to focus on the suggested growth rates in waste arisings. AF commented that the assumptions or growth scenarios used are robust and are the most appropriate. It was also noted that different growth rates could be tested as part of the sensitivity testing.
- CO raised the issue of cross-regional waste streams. Should the Report identify waste movements across regional boundaries? AF clarified that there is an assumption of regional self-sufficiency.

It was agreed that the Group is generally comfortable with the Report and the assumptions made.

4. **Agenda for Member Meeting on 24th October 2002**

GW confirmed the details for the Member meeting at 10.30am Thursday 24th October.

Items to be included on the Agenda: Constitution, the strategy for consultation and Endorsement of the finalised Report.

5. **Seminar on 24th October 2002, including strategy on consultation**

GW informed the Group of a seminar to be held directly after the Member meeting. An open invite seminar for the Technical Group, Member Forum and other stakeholders and interested regional / national organisations, to look forward to the second stage of the process.

RC recommended the need to invite representatives from the business community (Federation of Small Businesses / CBI / Chamber Of Commerce etc.). Agreed.

It was agreed to draft and circulate a list of potential representatives for each of the consultation groups. (*Action: GW*).

6. **Terms of Agreement**

It was agreed to endorse the Terms of Agreement for the Technical Group.

7. **Date of next meeting of Technical Group (following Seminar)**

It was agreed that the next Technical Group meeting is to be held at 10.00am Wednesday 22nd January 2003, at Penllergaer Civic Centre.

It was also agreed to continue with the Steering Group at least until that date.

8. **Any Other Business**

None was raised.