

**SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN**  
**MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL GROUP**  
**Notes of the meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2003, 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
Alban Forster	SLR Consulting Ltd
Cathy O'Brien	Waste Strategy Unit (WAG)
Niall Reynolds	Environment Agency Wales
Audrey Evans	Environment Agency Wales
Graham Dorrington	Ceredigion County Council
Neil Bateman	Carmarthenshire County Council
Gareth Jones	Carmarthenshire County Council
Peter Kendall	Carmarthenshire County Council
Clifford Parish	City & County Of Swansea
Ruth Henderson	City & County Of Swansea
Philip Marks	CYLCH

1. **Apologies**

Ruth Brown	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Carol Williams	Pembrokeshire County Council / Pembrokeshire National Park
Howell Beaton	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Ifor Jones	Pembrokeshire Coast National Park
Sue Martin	Welsh Assembly Government
Nick Oakes	Ceredigion County Council

2. **Notes of meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2003**

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

It was noted that Philip Marks had not received notification of previous Technical Group meetings.  
Action: **CM** to rectify the problem and arrange for previous minutes / reports to be provided.

3. **Sustainability Appraisal Report**

AF gave a presentation on the revised *Draft Stage 2b – Sustainability Appraisal Report*. A copy of the presentation was circulated and is therefore, not repeated.

Discussion ensued and the following main points were noted / agreed.

- Assurance was sought as to whether the cost information was relevant / accurate. It was confirmed that the information is accurate as it takes into account both current waste management costs and an element of Industry experience;
- Concern was expressed that this process might be viewed as promoting certain processes and procedures. It was noted that emphasis should be placed upon the fact that the TAN21 process enables waste management to be 'planning driven';
- Clarification should be sought from WAG as to how the Regional Waste Plan be reflected in the respective UDP's. **Action:** Cathy O'Brien to discuss with Sue Martin;

- The issue of whether or not there is a need to model a seventh option was discussed. It was agreed that if it could be done, it should be done. **Action:** Cathy O'Brien to establish whether this could be funded by WAG.
- The consultation with stakeholders should be on all six options as a minimum – **Agreed**;
- A recommendation be given to the Member Forum to agree the *Draft Stage 2b – Sustainability Appraisal Report* as a document for consultation with stakeholders – **Agreed**;
- Due to current timescales, the drafting process for the Regional Waste Plan should begin in parallel with the consultation with stakeholders – **Agreed**;
- Any final comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Report should be forwarded to Alban Forster by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

#### 4. **Public Consultation**

GW informed the Group that the Consultation Joint Steering Group had met to discuss a way forward. An initial draft of a consultation questionnaire / worksheet had been tabled by officers from South East Wales.

**Action:** CM to circulate the questionnaire for comment and any feedback to be received by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

The issue of bilingual material was discussed. GW outlined both the cost implications and design difficulties of producing bilingual material and requested views as to whether it would be acceptable to provide Welsh literature on request.

It was agreed that due to Welsh Language policy commitments, consultation material would need to be bilingual.

It was also noted for the purposes of consultation, that a single point of contact is required from each constituent authority. **Action:** Volunteers to contact either GW or CM.

#### 5. **Regional Waste Plan 1<sup>st</sup> Draft – The Way Forward**

A proposed timetable was circulated.

It was agreed that a steer should be provided by WAG as to a common framework for the Regional Waste Plan. Cathy O'Brien informed the Group that an all-Wales Liaison meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May and will ensure that the issue is raised.

An amendment to the timetable was agreed in that the next Technical Group should occur in June.

#### 6. **Date of next meeting of Technical Group**

It was agreed that the next Technical Group meeting is to be held at 2.00pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2003, at Penllergaer Civic Centre.

#### 7. **Any Other Business**

None was raised.