

# **SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN**

## **MEETING OF TECHNICAL GROUP, 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2002**

**Present:** Howell Beaton, NPTCBC  
Geoff White, NPTCBC  
Alban Forster, SLR Consulting Ltd  
Andrew Street, SLR Consulting Ltd  
Niall Reynolds, Environment Agency Wales  
Clifford Parish, City and County of Swansea  
Ruth Henderson, City and County of Swansea  
Dave Harries, Pembrokeshire County Council  
Graham Dorrington, Ceredigion County Council  
Nick Oakes, Ceredigion County Council  
Karen McNeil, Carmarthenshire County Council pp Gareth Jones  
Peter Kendell, Carmarthenshire County Council  
Neil Bateman, Carmarthenshire County Council  
Huw Jenkins, Bridgend County Borough Council  
Sue Martin, Welsh Assembly Government

### **1. Apologies**

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Dick Crawshaw, West Wales Economic Forum  
John Sheppard, South East Wales Economic Forum  
Andy Rees, National Assembly Waste Policy Unit  
Bryn Graham, City and County of Swansea  
B. Jones, Carmarthenshire County Council  
Eifion Bowen, Carmarthenshire County Council  
Huw Roberts, Pembrokeshire County Council  
Carol Williams, Pembrokeshire Council Council/Pembrokeshire National Park  
Steve Bool, Bridgend County Borough Council

### **2. Notes of meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2002**

Agreed, subject to additions circulated from Neil Bateman, but subject to non-inclusion of any date relating to the contract with SLR.

### **3. Notes of Management Group meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Noted.

#### 4. **Regional Waste Assessment**

Andy Street give an introduction to SLR's 'pedigree' and Alban Forster then give a presentation on the approach that they proposed. A copy of the presentation is attached to these notes and are not, therefore, repeated.

In the discussion that followed, the following points were noted.

- Consultation is an important part of the process. In the N. West RTAB there was no consultation until the end of the process, and the study was criticised for this. Consultation was at 3 potential levels:- technical, Members, wider audience (including the public). It was agreed that a discussion paper be produced for the next Technical Group meeting. (Action AF/GW to produce paper).
- Publicity was an important part of the process, relating specifically to the stages and public involvement, and it was agreed that a draft press release would be agreed for consideration by the Member Forum on 4<sup>th</sup> July. (Action GW to circulate draft press release).
- Concern was raised that the lack of data may undermine the credibility of the Strategy. It was agreed that this was an issue for discussion once the initial appraisal of information had been prepared.
- Whilst the approach by SLR may differ from TAN 21, there was agreement to SLR's approach.
- There were lessons to be learned from the NW RTAB and other subsequent studies in E. Midlands and Lincs., and SLR would apply them.
- AF explained that the methodology involved around 6 objective indicators, with the rest requiring professional judgement. The model is robust enough to develop a number of options, which will be necessary for BPEO.
- It was agreed that it would be useful to invite someone from the NW RTAB to the next meeting (Action GW).
- It was agreed that AF would look to use whole numbers for the weighting exercise.

5. **Future Meetings**

It was agreed that the Technical Group meetings would relate to the 'milestones' in the process outlined by AF (see presentation).

Next meeting was agreed for 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2002, 10.00. A further 'seminar' meeting, probably with Technical Group first, was agreed for week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October, and it was agreed that a further meeting may be necessary to 'sign off' the stage 1 report before that meeting.

6. **Draft Agreement**

The purpose of this was to have common agreement on the aims of the Technical Group.

It was agreed that comments on this document would be e-mailed to GW with a view to discussion next time.

7. **Proposed Member Forum**

The draft agenda was agreed as

- a) Constitution of Forum.
- b) Presentation on the process, and timetable for Members involvement.
- c) Press release.

8. **Any Other Business**

a) **North Wales Group**

Sue Martin confirmed the Denbighshire were lead authority, and that a meeting of the 3 groups, with Assembly/EA and Aggregates Groups was scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>.

b) **Involvement of Waste Industry**

It was noted that no industry representatives had turned up. It was agreed that Sue Martin and Cliff Parish would forward contact details, and GW would write to all involved to try and get them engaged.