

**SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE PLAN**  
**Notes of the Joint Member Forum / RTG Meeting held on**  
**Monday 10<sup>TH</sup> November 2003, 10.30am Penllergaer Civic Centre.**

**Present**

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| Councillor Pam Palmer (Chair) | Carmarthenshire County Council   |
| Councillor T Theophilus       | Carmarthenshire County Council.  |
| Councillor Alun Lloyd Jones   | Cyngor Sir Ceredigion.           |
| Councillor Keith Evans        | Cyngor Sir Ceredigion.           |
| Councillor RM Granville       | Bridgend County Borough Council. |
| Councillor W H C Teesdale     | Bridgend County Borough Council. |
| Councillor Derek Vaughan      | NPTCBC.                          |
| Councillor T.D Morgans        | NPTCBC.                          |

**Officers**

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| Geoff White       | NPTCBC                              |
| Belinda Herbert   | Research & Marketing Ltd.           |
| Sarah Winstanley  | Research & Marketing Ltd.           |
| Carol A. Williams | Pembrokeshire CC / PCNPA            |
| Richard Workman   | Carmarthenshire County Council.     |
| N. Bateman        | Carmarthen County Council.          |
| Phil Williams     | Carmarthen County Council.          |
| Steve Bool        | Bridgend County Borough Council.    |
| Huw Jenkins       | Bridgend County Borough Council.    |
| Wil Watson        | NPTCBC.                             |
| John Flower       | NPTCBC.                             |
| Howell Beaton     | NPTCBC.                             |
| Ruth Henderson    | City & County of Swansea.           |
| Clifford Parish   | City & County of Swansea.           |
| Graham Dorrington | Ceredigion County Council.          |
| Audrey Evans      | Environment Agency (S.W.Wales Area) |
| Niall Reynolds    | Environment Agency Wales (S.W Area) |
| Karin Black       | Environment Agency Wales (Cardiff)  |
| Cathy O'Brien     | Welsh Assembly Government.          |
| Sue Martin        | Welsh Assembly Planning Division.   |

1. **Apologies**

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| Councillor Mary Taylor | Brecon Beacons National Park Authority.      |
| Councillor Brian Hall  | Pembrokeshire County Council.                |
| Councillor R R Hayes   | Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority. |
| Councillor D I E Jones | City & County of Swansea.                    |
| Councillor B Owen      | City & County of Swansea.                    |
| Phillip Marks          | Cylch.                                       |
| Ruth Brown             | Brecon Beacons National Park Authority       |

## 2. **Presentation.**

Members received a presentation from Research Marketing on the public consultation (a copy of the slides is appended to the Minutes).

The following points of discussion arose:

- Cost was an issue in the focus groups, but not in the postal survey.
- Primary targets were the main focus rather than the secondary targets.
- No specific sites were raised or discussed, but focus groups were conscious of the NIMBY issue.
- Confirmed that 900 was statistically valid.
- If to publish the report, need to include population statistics.
- Why was third option less popular in focus groups – this appeared to be fear of having to ‘fund’ the facility, and fear of selling to local residents.
- Was location of facility being close to collection an issue – Stakeholders raised as an issue – need to develop facilities, e.g. glass, suggestions that this can depend on what happens later as need to look at the whole cost.
- Is there a heavy emphasis on people waiting to exceed the targets? No.
- Feedback from industry? Targets were of concern regarding what can be achieved, but the response was poor.
- In SE area, very similar findings. (This will be shared when available)
- Has the response from the EA meetings with industry been fed into the report? No, this has been circulated to RTG.
- Do we have comparative data for the rest of Europe? Need to confirm this, it would show what can be achieved, but it is part culture, cost and legislation.

## 3. **Discussion on the Option.**

- Difficult to get a feel for what Option 6 means. Public need confirmation on the number of sites . This is in the Stage 2 report.
- Facilities will be commercially led, partnerships will be needed. Quantities in the RWP will inform the debate
- Seen that Option 6 should be our goal.
- Consultation has made it clear that the public can understand the Options. But how far does this take us forward? Hazardous waste will reduce to zero by next July. This is an urgent issue. There is a need to say what is the total bill, timetable and facilities what is the spread of facilities to deliver a sensible and cost effective solution. Need to include number and type of facilities.
- UDP issue needs to be site specific. Some authorities are saying that they cannot put sites into plan. A lot of this can be done through allocating B2 industrial sites. However, hazardous waste and landfill are still difficult issues.
- Greater discussion is needed on Friday (RTG meeting) on the content of the RWP – need to consider number and types of facilities. Implementation may engage more interest.
- Funding and investment a difficult issue for industry.
- From Swansea, feel that Option 1 has strength in taking UDP’s forward, with Option 6 as an aspirational goal.

- The problem is in incorporating Option 6 into the UDP's ie. There is problem with making allocations for all these sites now.
- UDP's are for 15 years and therefore beyond 2013 - this needs to be addressed.
- Do we look at a step by step implementation as a way forward with a timetable moving gradually from Option 1 to Option 6?
- Are we making a rod for our own back with Option 6 for UDP's.
- Must look at the long term to get investment from industry
- The MREC at Crymlyn Burrows required a 25-year commitment. But we don't want (say) 10 facilities in the first 3 years. Want to see these type of facilities and then see the timetable to deal with it. There was general agreement to this from the local authority representatives, provided that this could be reflected in the way the Plan was set out, and that the needs of industry and commerce were not overlooked. First reaction from Sue Martin (personally) was that this may be a reasonable approach, particularly with the 5-year review process of UDP's and ongoing monitoring and 3 year review of RWP's. Cathy O'Brien also agreed that this was a reasonable approach.
- Can this be confirmed by Friday – SM will try and get some feedback.

4. **Next Meeting.**

RTG Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 2.30p.m.

RMF Friday 28th 2.30p.m.

5. **Other Business.**

Useful seminar on Hazardous Waste (organised by WAW) – difficulties of landfill problems by next July. May be appropriate to have a presentation to the RMF. Directly affects local authorities. Farmers will be hard hit. Resource issues for LA's.