

**SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN
JOINT MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL OFFICERS GROUP
AND MEMBER FORUM**

**Notes of the joint meeting held on Tuesday 18th October 2005, at 10.30am in the
Council Chamber, Penllergaer Civic Centre.**

Present

Councillor P Palmer (C)	Carmarthenshire County Council
Councillor P Lloyd	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Councillor D Lewis	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Councillor A Robinson	City & County of Swansea
Councillor B Hall	Pembrokeshire County Council
Councillor R R Hayes	Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority

Officers

Geoff White	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Ceri Morris	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Howell Beaton	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Huw Jenkins	Bridgend County Borough Council
Steve Bool	Bridgend County Borough Council
Neil Bateman	Carmarthenshire County Council
Philip Williams	Carmarthenshire County Council
Hugh Towns	Carmarthenshire County Council
Ruth Henderson	City & County of Swansea
Roy Probert	City & County of Swansea
Bryan Graham	City & County of Swansea
Carol A Williams	Pembrokeshire CC / Pembrokeshire Coast National Park
Dave Harries	Pembrokeshire County Council
Graham Dorrington	Ceredigion County Council
Sue Martin	Welsh Assembly Government
Audrey Evans	Environment Agency (SW Wales)
Miranda Lewis	Environment Agency Wales
Rhiannon Jones	Environment Agency Wales
Karen Maddock-Jones	CCW
Julian Smith	West Wales Chamber of Commerce
Philip Marks	Cylch
Leanne Kyte	WDA (West Division)
Howard French	WDA (West Division)
Emyr John	WDA (West Division)
Kevin Parr	RPS
Rondalyn Northam	RPS

1. Apologies

Councillor D C Evans	Carmarthenshire County Council
Councillor P A Hacking	Bridgend County Borough Council
Councillor K Evans	Ceredigion County Council
Councillor R G Harris	Ceredigion County Council
Ruth Brown	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Rob Lewis	WRAP

2. Minutes of the Technical Group meeting on 17th August 2005 – Noted.

Agenda Item 5 was taken next.

5. GIS Mapping Research: Dissemination

- Presentation by Consultants: RPS Planning, Transport and Environment.

SM briefly outlined the origins of the research acknowledging that it had been piloted in South West Wales. The WAG had subsequently decided to fund the continued research and contracted consultants (*RPS Planning, Transport and Environment*) to carry out the work 'on behalf of the three regions in order to achieve a consistent approach across Wales'. SM emphasised that the work is an independent piece of research and is not the policy of the WAG.

KP and RN then gave a presentation on the GIS Mapping Research. A copy of the presentation and Executive Summary was circulated and is therefore not repeated.

The following points were emphasised:

- The research principally establishes a comprehensive GIS database of information to enhance the decision-making process for the siting of sub-regional waste facilities;
- A set of two maps were produced for each region, one indicating results for open-air facilities, the other for in-building facilities;
- Where information / data was not comprehensive and consistent across Wales, the data was incorporated as an information layer as opposed to a criteria layer;
- The weightings applied to the criteria can be robustly justified and were agreed through the Steering Group;
- The system is able to separate out the various layers;
- Training will need to be provided for key individuals in the set up and use of the system. It is critical to understand how the system works and how it can be utilised;
- A training programme will need to be agreed with the WAG; and
- The system allows the variety of data to be 'updated' in conjunction with policy changes. However, access to the data will need to be carefully controlled.

Discussion ensued and the following main points were noted:

- The weighting of the criteria is the critical point – this must be justifiable;
- The National Parks have been excluded from the regional scale In-Building facilities but not the Open- Air facilities;
- Distribution of the GIS Tool / Report & Maps – each of the Regional Co-ordinators will receive a copy of the all-Wales GIS Tool and each local authority will receive a copy of the Report and Maps along with a read-only CD/DVD;
- Potential date for initial Co-ordinator training: Friday 4th November;
- There is a need to agree a protocol on how the system is kept up to date. **Action:** SM to place on the agenda at the next all-Wales liaison meeting;
- Important that the WAG act appropriately as the 'custodian' of the research. The control of data is imperative and the 'last port of call' must remain with the WAG; and
- A clear statement of the responsibilities of the WAG and the regional co-ordinators should be agreed at the outset, perhaps in the form of a protocol.

At this point Kevin Parr and Rondalyn Northam left the meeting.

3. Notes of the Forum meeting on 9th September 2005

The minutes were **agreed** to be a true record.

Item 2: *Site Visit to a MBT Facility* – CM reported that two provisional dates (26th October and 9th November) for a Regional Waste Group visit to Neath Port Talbot's 'Materials Recovery & Energy Centre' (MREC) had been booked. It was noted that the site visit / tour of the MREC would last approximately 1 hour and numbers on the day will be limited to 30.

It was **agreed** that the visit take place at 11.00am Wednesday 9th November. **Action:** CM to confirm.

Item 9: *'Rationalisation of Regional Working'* – CM reported that once the papers from the WLGA meeting had been received they would be circulated to both the RTG and MF. **Action:** CM.

4. Report on Hazardous Waste: Endorsement Update

Officers reported the following regarding the endorsement of the 'Report on Hazardous Waste':

Neath Port Talbot CBC:	Report to Cabinet Board early November.
Ceredigion CC:	Report to Committee early November.
City & County of Swansea:	Report to Committee 17 th November.
Carmarthenshire CC:	To be confirmed.
Bridgend CBC:	To be confirmed.
Pembrokeshire CC:	To be confirmed.
Pembrokeshire Coast NPA:	To be confirmed.
Brecon Beacons NPA:	To be confirmed.

6. Date of Next Meeting – To be arranged.

7. Any other business – None was raised.