

**SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN**  
**MEETING OF THE REGIONAL WASTE PLAN FORUM**  
**DRAFT notes of the meeting held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2003, at 10.30am**  
**Penllergaer Civic Centre**

**Present**

Councillor P Palmer (Chair)	Carmarthenshire County Council
Councillor T Theophilus	Carmarthenshire County Council
Councillor T D Morgans	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Councillor M Taylor	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Councillor B Hall	Pembrokeshire County Council
Councillor R R Hayes	Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority
Councillor D I E Jones	City & County Of Swansea
Councillor R M Granville	Bridgend County Borough Council
Councillor W H C Teesdale	Bridgend County Borough Council

**Officers**

Geoff White	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Ceri Morris	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Howell Beaton	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Alban Forster	SLR Consulting Ltd
Bleddyn Jones	Carmarthenshire County Council
Eifion Bowen	Carmarthenshire County Council
Philip Williams	Carmarthenshire County Council
Carol Williams	Pembrokeshire CC / Pembrokeshire Coast National Park
Clifford Parish	City & County Of Swansea
Alison Thomas	City & County Of Swansea
Ruth Brown	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
William Mills	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Steve Bool	Bridgend County Borough Council
Huw Jenkins	Bridgend County Borough Council
Graham Dorrington	Ceredigion County Council
Sue Martin	Welsh Assembly Government
Cathy O'Brien	Welsh Assembly Government
Audrey Evans	Environment Agency (South West Area)
Philip Marks	Cylch
Adrian Stewart	WESA / Shanks

**1. Apologies**

Councillor K T Rowlands	Bridgend County Borough Council
Councillor B Owen	City & County of Swansea
Councillor K Evans	Ceredigion County Council

**2. Minutes of meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2003**

The minutes were agreed to be a true record.

GW reported on the progress being made in the other two regions. The South East has agreed a Consultation Draft and are about to commence their public consultation exercise and the North has a meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> August to agree their Consultation Draft.

GW confirmed that all three regions are at a similar stage in the process.

It was confirmed that Bridgend had received a presentation on the RWP, given by SLR, to Council

Members and that Carmarthenshire has arranged the same presentation for their Council Members. Any further requests should be made as soon as possible.

Item 8: **GD** to seek confirmation on whether Ceredigion County Council has approved the Memorandum of Understanding.

**3. Notes of the Technical Group 13<sup>th</sup> June 2003**

Noted.

Item 3: CP reported that a decision has been taken by the City & County of Swansea to delay the public consultation on their Municipal Waste Strategy.

**4. Notes of the Technical Group 9<sup>th</sup> July 2003**

Noted.

Item 4: Concern was expressed that the postal survey will not be fully bilingual. GW reported that the decision had been taken on the basis of design and the advice received with regard to the potential return rates, rather than cost. It was noted that the covering letter will be bilingual and that a welsh version of the questionnaire will be made available on request.

Cllr. Palmer stressed the importance of making the welsh version available, and must be sent out promptly on request.

It was suggested that a paragraph be inserted into the covering letter to explain the reasoning behind the decision. **Action:** GW to review covering letter.

It was also noted that the RWP (Consultation Draft) will not be translated, but the final RWP will.

**5. Notes of the Technical Group 21<sup>st</sup> July 2003**

Noted.

**6. Public Consultation**

GW reported that the consultation period would run from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October. In conjunction with an exhibition and leaflets to be made available to each authority, Research & Marketing Ltd. has been commissioned to carry out a survey of 6000 residents across the region and 350 interested stakeholders which will include all Town and Community Councils in the region.

In conjunction with the postal survey, focus groups will be organised and this process will help inform the final RWP for South West Wales. It was confirmed that officers are not expected to attend the focus groups in their area.

Cllr. Jones expressed his concern over the detailed content of the consultation literature. In the light of the City & County of Swansea's separate consultation on their Municipal Waste Strategy, there is a real potential to confuse local residents.

It was agreed to circulate the survey literature for information. **Action:** CM.

The issue of arranging publicity photographs for each local authority was discussed. It was agreed that if it could be done, it should be done. **Action:** GW to contact Pamela Crecraft.

It was noted that the City & County of Swansea had reservations.

#### **7. Draft Regional Waste Plan**

AF reported on the Regional Waste Plan (Consultation Draft), describing and explaining the content, structure and decision-making process that had been employed in preparing the Plan.

**Agreed:** The Regional Waste Plan (Consultation Draft) is endorsed as a consultation document.  
City & County of Swansea: Abstained.

#### **8. Date of Next Meeting**

GW reported that a further two meetings of the Forum will be required, the first of which will be to receive a presentation from Research & Marketing Ltd. regarding the results of the survey, and the second to consider the final RWP.

**Action:** GW to discuss with Cllr. Palmer and confirm the dates as soon as possible.

#### **9. Any other business**

It was reported for information that a Hazardous Waste / Land Use Planning Seminar has been arranged for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September, in Caersws, near Newtown.

It was suggested that how UDP policies deal with hazardous waste be put on the agenda.

A clear indication on the status of the RWP was requested from WAG. SM offered a meeting to any local authority wishing to discuss the issue. **Action:** SM to liaise with Elaine Ancrum.