

**SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN**  
**MEETING OF THE REGIONAL WASTE PLAN FORUM**  
**Notes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 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

**Officers**

Geoff White	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Ceri Morris	Neath Port Talbot CBC
John Flower	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Howell Beaton	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Alban Forster	SLR Consulting Ltd
Eifion Bowen	Carmarthenshire County Council
Neil Bateman	Carmarthenshire County Council
Philip Williams	Carmarthenshire County Council
Carol Williams	Pembrokeshire County Council
Clifford Parish	City & County Of Swansea
Ruth Henderson	City & County Of Swansea
Ruth Brown	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Steve Bool	Bridgend County Borough Council
Huw Jenkins	Bridgend County Borough Council

**1. Apologies**

Councillor A Lloyd-Jones	Ceredigion County Council
Councillor R R Hayes	Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority
Councillor K Evans	Ceredigion County Council
Councillor K T Rowlands	Bridgend County Borough Council
Councillor K F King	Bridgend County Borough Council
Councillor D Vaughan	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Councillor D Thomas	City & County of Swansea
Councillor B Owen	City & County of Swansea
Councillor B Hall	Pembrokeshire County Council

**2. Minutes of meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2003**

Item 5: Cllr. Taylor reported that the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority approved the Memorandum of Understanding in September 2002.

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

**3. Notes of Seminar on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2003**

Noted.

#### 4. Notes of the Technical Group 4<sup>th</sup> April 2003

Noted.

#### 5. Notes of the Technical Group 28<sup>th</sup> April 2003

Noted.

Ruth Brown requested a copy of the presentation given by AF on the revised *Draft Stage 2b – Sustainability Appraisal Report*. **Action: AF**

GW reported that at the All-Wales Liaison meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May, it was agreed that a further meeting take place in September, for representatives from WAG, the lead Officers and the Chair from each of the three Regions to attend. **Action: GW** to confirm date once agreed.

#### 6. Sustainability Appraisal of Options

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

Discussion ensued and the following main points were noted.

- The RWP should contain a number of options in order to maintain flexibility. Due to the urban / rural diversity of the SWW Region one particular option may not suit the whole region;
- Concern was expressed that ‘dioxins’ had been added to the weighting exercise. GW reported on the reasoning behind this decision and that it was to gain an element of consistency across the three Regions. It was noted that the dioxin element had only been added to the *sensitivity analysis* in the SWW Region;
- Clarification was requested on what stage of the process the other two Regions had reached. GW reported that each of the three Regions is at similar stages, in that the same 6 options have been agreed and are being carried forward to the consultation stage. It was also noted that the RWP’s are being drafted in parallel with the consultation exercise. **Action: GW** to circulate written confirmation of the ‘current situation’ to the Member Forum;
- It was requested that AF give a presentation on the preparation of the RWP to Council Members of each individual authority. **Action: GW/HB** to check details of the contract with SLR. **GW** to liaise with Cllr. Palmer; and
- Clarification was sought as to how the RWP will be viewed by WAG. It was noted that the RWP would be a material planning consideration and that individual authorities will need to demonstrate their intent on reaching the aspirations contained within the RWP.

Subsequently, the following was agreed.

- The Sustainability Appraisal be used for public consultation;
- The results of the Consultation be used to inform the emerging Waste Strategy;
- A report on the consultation be made to the Waste Forum together with a first Draft Regional Waste Strategy; and
- A recommendation for SLR to give a presentation to each individual authority on the preparation of the RWP.

7. **Timetable to produce the Regional Waste Plan including consultation and date of next meeting**

GW outlined the proposed timetable, underlining the 'tightness' of the schedule. Timetable: **Agreed.**

8. **Memorandum of Understanding**

GW reported that Neath Port Talbot CBC has now approved the Memorandum of Understanding. **GW** to seek confirmation from Ceredigion County Council.

9. **Any other business**

None was raised.