

**SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN**  
**MEETING OF THE REGIONAL WASTE PLAN FORUM**  
**Notes of the meeting held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 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 D C Evans	Carmarthenshire County Council
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
Neil Bateman	Carmarthenshire County Council
Philip Williams	Carmarthenshire County Council
Hugh Towns	Carmarthenshire County Council
Alison Thomas	City & County of Swansea
Carol A Williams	Pembrokeshire CC / Pembrokeshire Coast National Park
Dave Harries	Pembrokeshire County Council
Audrey Evans	Environment Agency (SW Wales)

**1. Apologies**

Councillor E Morgan	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Councillor K Evans	Ceredigion County Council
Councillor R G Harris	Ceredigion County Council
Councillor P A Hacking	Bridgend County Borough Council
Ruth Brown	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Nick Oakes	Ceredigion County Council
Graham Dorrington	Ceredigion County Council

**2. Minutes of the Forum meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2005**

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

Item 8: Site Visit to a MBT facility – GW reported that as the proposed site visit to the Leicester facility has been delayed, the possibility of a visit to the MBT facility at Crymlyn Burrows was being investigated. It was noted that a potential date in October could be arranged. **Action:** CM to inform Members and officers once a date is confirmed.

**3. Notes of the Technical Group meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2005 – Noted.**

Item 6: Cllr. Palmer expressed disappointment at the continued lack of response from the Industry, both in terms of involvement in the work of the Technical Group and to the consultation process.

Item 8: **Action:** CM to circulate the scope of the work carried out by the Wales Environment Trust.

4. **Notes of the Technical Group meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2005** – Noted.

Item 3: 4<sup>th</sup> bullet point should read “Subsequent responses were also received from EA (Wales) and jointly from Pembrokeshire County Council and Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority”.

5. **Regional Waste Group Contract: Report on Hazardous Waste**  
**[Report of Consultation (August 2005) / Consultation Addendum Report (August 2005) / Report on Hazardous Waste (Draft – September 2005)]**

GW referred to the above circulated documents and reported the following:

- a great deal of work has gone into the re-drafting of the Report;
- the *Report of Consultation (August 2005)* has been generated from the responses received following the 4 week consultation period;
- the *Consultation Addendum Report (August 2005)* has been generated from additional comments submitted by the WAG WSU on an initial re-draft following the formal consultation;
- the *Draft Report on Hazardous Waste (August 2005)* incorporates all the recommendations made in the two Consultation Reports;
- similar versions of the *Draft Report* have been prepared in each of the other two regions; and
- there is the need for the MF to agree the Report and then the Report needs to be endorsed as soon as possible by each individual authority before being formally submitted to the WAG.

Officers were requested to carry out a final check of the accuracy of the detail in Tables A.10 and A.11. Any amendments to be reported to CM. **Action:** All.

The Report on Hazardous Waste was **agreed**.

6. **GIS Mapping Research: Progress Report**

Following the cancellation of the Dissemination & Training seminar, CM reported the following:

- the research and final report has been completed;
- the Chair of the South East Forum has written to Carwyn Jones expressing concern over the publication of the research prior to any form of consultation or involvement with the Regional Groups;
- in response to this request the WAG has acknowledged that the dissemination of the research needs to be carefully handled. The WAG has confirmed that each of the Regional Groups will receive a presentation by RPS and an opportunity to discuss the project further with WAG officers;
- a joint RTG / MF meeting is to be held to disseminate the research; and
- the all-Wales dissemination Seminar is likely to be held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

It was **agreed** that the South West Dissemination Seminar will be held at 10.30am, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October (venue to be confirmed).

7. **Future Work Programme**

GW referred to the circulated *Future Work Programme Briefing Note*. The opportunity was taken to highlight the work programme that is required of the Region over the next 18 months, emphasising the key tasks and target dates.

8. **Date of Next Meeting**

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be the GIS Mapping Dissemination Seminar (see item 6), to be held at 10.30am, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

## 9. Any other business

Cllr. Palmer expressed concern that in light of the meeting with Carwyn Jones AM, it would seem that the remit of the Regional Waste Groups has changed. CJ had indicated an expectation that the RWG's would formulate bids for structural funds even though there was no mention of this in the initial agreement. CJ had also encouraged collaborative working on waste planning with a threat of taking it out of local authority hands if this was not achieved.

It was agreed that the main problem is that there is no firm guidance from the WAG concerning "the rationalisation of regional working" – this needs to be addressed.

With regard to securing future regional / sub-regional facilities in South West Wales, it was noted that a meeting, organised by the WLGA, was taking place in Carmarthen attended by Corporate Directors with responsibility for waste management. The purpose of the meeting is to identify the scope for joint working on waste management with the aim of agreeing a 'route map' to achieve this.

It was emphasised that there will be considerable, and potentially beneficial, overlap between the WLGA's joint working / route map and the work of the Group. CM reported that it had been agreed that the papers from the meeting would be forwarded to Neath Port Talbot as the Coordinator of the SWW Group. **Action:** CM to circulate the papers on receipt.