

SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN
MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL GROUP
Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th July 2003, at 1.30pm
Port Talbot Civic Centre

Present

Geoff White	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Ceri Morris	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Mike Jones	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Alban Forster	SLR Consulting Ltd
Steve Bool	Bridgend CBC
Huw Jenkins	Bridgend CBC
Audrey Evans	Environment Agency Wales
Graham Dorrington	Ceredigion County Council
Neil Bateman	Carmarthenshire County Council
Peter Kendall	Carmarthenshire County Council
Phil Williams	Carmarthenshire County Council
Ruth Henderson	City & County Of Swansea
Philip Marks	CYLCH
Carol Williams	Pembrokeshire CC / Pembrokeshire Coast National Park
Sue Martin	Welsh Assembly Government
Andy Rees	Welsh Assembly Government

1. **Apologies**

Cathy O'Brien	Waste Strategy Unit (WAG)
Clifford Parish	City & County Of Swansea
Ruth Brown	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Nick Oakes	Ceredigion County Council

2. **Notes of meeting held on 13th June 2003**

Amendments to item 3 Consultation:

1st paragraph, 2nd line should read: "...on the likely costs of the *consultation*.."

2nd paragraph, 1st line should read: "It was agreed that *the EA* would facilitate...."

2nd paragraph, 5th line should read: "...with consultation in the regional *plan*."

There were no matters arising.

Item 4 was taken next on the agenda.

4. **Public Consultation**

GW reported on the detailed discussions that had taken place between Neath Port Talbot CBC and Caerphilly CBC at the Consultation Joint Steering Group. The following main points were noted / agreed.

- A launch of the South East and South West Regional Waste Strategy Consultation has been arranged for Monday 28th July 2003 where Carwyn Jones AM Minister for the Environment and the respective Chair from each of the fora will be attending. The Group expressed general support of the launch. **Action:** GW to contact Cllr. Pam Palmer;
- The consultation will include a survey (postal questionnaire and focus groups) to be implemented

- by a market research company and the production of posters, leaflets and exhibitions;
- GW confirmed that the estimated cost of the consultation will be within the available budget and as such there will not be a requirement for any additional contributions from other authorities;
- Confirmation of the single point of contact for each authority and the required number of exhibitions is requested by Friday 18th July. **Action:** All; and
- The generic publicity material - posters, leaflets and exhibitions – will be bilingual. The postal survey will contain only a bilingual covering letter, but a welsh version will be available on request.

GW also reported on the ‘limited’ number of responses received from the 1st Stage Stakeholder Sustainability Appraisal Consultation:

- Cylch – Recommendation: Option 6;
- EA Wales (SWW Area) – Recommendation: A combination of options 2 & 6;
- EA Wales (SWW Area Environment Group) – Recommendation: A combination of options 2 & 6;
- Julie James (Representing the general public – SWW Area Environment Group) – Option 4;
- Neath Port Talbot CBC – Report to Cabinet – Recommendation: A combination of options 2 & 6.

3. **Draft Regional Waste Plan**

AF apologised to the Group for not circulating a full draft version of the Regional Waste Plan prior to the meeting as was intended and briefly outlined what had been achieved to date. Discussion ensued and the following was noted / agreed.

- Due to the tight timescales, all initial comments on the Draft RWP to be received by lunchtime Monday 14th July;
- The Member Forum, scheduled for Monday 21st July, is postponed to allow the Technical Group to meet again. The Member Forum to be as arranged for Friday 8th August. **Action:** GW to contact Cllr. Pam Palmer;
- The data in chapter 4 requires updating. **Action:** AF;
- A map identifying existing facilities is required. **Action:** AF;
- Section 5.2 (Options) – need to identify in the text that in order to differentiate between each of the options there is a need to refer to Figure 5.1. **Action:** AF;
- The Draft RWP needs to address the issue of hazardous waste and needs to include the latest information on health. **Action:** AF; and
- Need to review the use of the term “draft” plan throughout the document. **Action:** AF.

5. **Date of next meeting of Technical Group**

Agreed that the next meeting of the Technical Group be held at 10.00am on Monday 21st July at Penllergaer Civic Centre.

6. **Any Other Business**

None was raised.