

SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN
MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL GROUP
Notes of the meeting held on Monday 21st July 2003, at 10.00am
Penllergaer Civic Centre

Present

Geoff White	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Ceri Morris	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Howell Beaton	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
Eifion Bowen	Carmarthenshire County Council
Phil Williams	Carmarthenshire County Council
Ruth Henderson	City & County Of Swansea
Clifford Parish	City & County Of Swansea
Philip Marks	CYLCH
Carol Williams	Pembrokeshire CC / Pembrokeshire Coast National Park
Ruth Brown	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Sue Martin	Welsh Assembly Government
Andy Rees	Welsh Assembly Government

1. **Apologies**

Peter Kendall	Carmarthenshire County Council
Neil Bateman	Carmarthenshire County Council
Cathy O'Brien	Waste Strategy Unit (WAG)
Nick Oakes	Ceredigion County Council

2. **Notes of meeting held on 9th July 2003**

Agreed to be a true record and there were no matters arising.

Item 4 was taken next on the agenda.

4. **Public Consultation**

GW reported on the following.

- The launch of the South East and South West Regional Waste Strategy arranged for Monday 28th July 2003 has now been confirmed and will go ahead as planned;
- A Cardiff based company – Research & Marketing Ltd. – have been engaged to implement the survey work with the public and stakeholders, including both a postal questionnaire and focus groups. **Action:** GW to circulate the final agreed project timetable;
- Research & Marketing Ltd. have requested a full postcode list for the region along with a comprehensive stakeholder list (including contact addresses). It was noted that Neath Port Talbot has a postcode database for the region – except Ceredigion. **Action:** GD to provide list of postcodes for Ceredigion;
- With regard to the stakeholder list, it was agreed that it is important to include Community Council details. It was suggested either to visit Local Authority websites or the Wales Council for

Voluntary Action. **Action:** CM;

- The six-week consultation period is to be held between Monday 1st September and Friday 10th October;
- The text for the exhibition needs to be finalised by the end of Friday 25th July. **Action:** CM to circulate draft by end of Tuesday 22nd July / all comments to be received by lunchtime Friday 25th July;
- The welsh version of the website is now live and can be viewed at the same address: www.walesregionalwasteplans.gov.uk

3. **Draft Regional Waste Plan**

AF thanked the Group for all comments that had been received to date and noted that the more recently received comments had still to be incorporated into the Draft RWP.

The Group proceeded to go through the Draft RWP page by page and the following was noted / agreed.

- P2 – The summary needs expanding and the document needs to be referred to “...in land-use terms”;
- P4 – Insert separate heading for “Principals of the Draft Plan”;
- P7 – Insert footnote for the changes to the planning system; clarify footnote 7;
- P8 – Clarify the Assembly default powers with a footnote (**Action:** SM to e-mail AF); Amend address for Geoff White;
- P10 – Colours in Figure 4.1 should correspond with Figure 4.2; amend scales in Figure 4.2 so that the graph can be easier to interpret;
- P11 – Table 4.3 **Action:** CP to provide Biological & Composting figure to AF; 6th column should read “Materials Recycling” – **Action:** AF to check this figure for NPT CBC; all headings should be defined in the Glossary;
- P13 – Map should be more clear, show National Park boundaries and amend key;
- P14 – Para. 4.4.1 (update using e-mail comments); Bridgend should read “Ogmore Vale”; last paragraph, amend to read “...and set out criteria”;
- P15 – Footnote 12 check the status in TAN21; Para. 4.4.2 check feasibility of regional and joint recycling;
- P16 – Awaiting response from EA Wales;
- P17 – 5.0 (2nd paragraph) need reference to emerging technologies; need to complete footnote reference;
- P18 – Para. 5.1.2 need to include land recovery;
- P19 – Need to review Inert Reprocessing Facilities definition;
- P20 – Paragraph repetition;
- P21 – Figure 5.1 text missing along the bottom; include MBT in the graph; quantify footnote relating to Corus;
- P23 – Figure 5.2 include a total row on table; include footnote relating specifically to Corus (quantifying total number of facilities and how they manage their own waste);
- P24 – Need to clarify weighted performance scores; **Action:** SM to comment on BPEO;
- P25 – Para. 6.1 include sentence on aspiration of framework; reference should be made to “implications” rather than “aspiration”;
- P26 – Table 6.1 need to use a range for MBT (also for Tables 6.2 and graphs); need to amend agricultural figures;
- P28 – Figure 6.1 add figures below for clarity;
- P29 – Para. 6.1.2 **Action:** AR to check truth of statement; add Wise About Waste footnote;
- P32 – Landfilling add “...although no proven link was clearly established”.
- P33 – Add footnote for “Other studies” Committee advice on toxicology...refer to Wise About Waste in HIA section; Recycling and transfer facilities – delete “Transport pollution may are

soon to be published; Composting – Bio-aerosols: footnote with reference to HSE Report; delete “At present, no health impact studies into MBT are thought to exist”; final paragraph amend to read “...is currently underway for DEFRA”; Paragraph 6.3 amend to read “...to enable planning authorities to identify potential suitable locations” – and check elsewhere in the document;

- P34 – Para. 6.3.1 need to look at formatting and improve – A3 for these charts; amend to “throughput”; separate out MBT; need to check details in graphs – elements seem incorrect;
- P38 – Paragraph 6.5 will be better located in an Appendix;
- P39 – Paragraph 6.6 need to reword 3rd paragraph (refer to TAN21);
- P40 – Section 7 should be entitled “Where Do We Go Next With The Plan” – reword entire section to state what happens next;
- P42 – include Agricultural Waste in the Glossary;
- P45 – Make reference to the National Parks in the UDP definition.

In light of all comments made, the Group expressed support for presenting the re-drafted RWP to Members on Friday 8th August.

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

To be arranged.

6. **Any Other Business**

None was raised.