

SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN
MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL GROUP
Notes of the meeting held on Friday 23rd January 2004, at 2.00pm
Penllergaer Civic Centre

Present

Geoff White (Chair)	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Ceri Morris	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Mike Jones	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Alban Forster	SLR Consulting Ltd
Clifford Parish	City & County Of Swansea
Alison Thomas	City & County Of Swansea
Audrey Evans	Environment Agency (SW Wales)
Phil Williams	Carmarthenshire County Council
Neil Bateman	Carmarthenshire County Council
Carol Williams	Pembrokeshire CC / PCNPA
Steve Bool	Bridgend County Borough Council
Sue Martin	Welsh Assembly Government
Cathy O'Brien	Welsh Assembly Government

1. **Apologies**

Ruth Brown	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Philip Marks	CYLCH
Huw Jenkins	Bridgend County Borough Council

2. **Notes of meeting held on 11th December 2003**

Agreed to be a true record.

With regard item 6 – the status of UDP's, NB reported that Carmarthenshire had discussions with WAG and the necessary changes will be made prior to the Inquiry.

Ceredigion: To be confirmed.

3. **RWP Endorsement Update / Timetable**

The following was noted:

Bridgend CBC: Endorsed.

Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority: Endorsed.

Neath Port Talbot CBC: Report to Cabinet 28th January.

City & County Of Swansea: Endorsed.

Pembrokeshire CC: Report to Committee 26th January.

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority: Report to Committee 30th January.

Carmarthenshire CC: To be reported to Committee.

Ceredigion CC: To be confirmed. **Action:** GW.

In light of the timetable, it was noted that the RWP should be fully endorsed by the next Member Forum meeting on Friday 20th February.

GW requested that each authority provide an indication of the number of RWP's required. **Action:** All. It was also noted that the RWP had been sent for translation, but due to the size of the document, this would not be completed until mid March.

4. **RWP Addendum**

CO reported that a meeting had taken place with Karen Black and Miranda Lewis regarding the use of G.I.S. in identifying areas of land for landfill facilities across the region.

It was noted that the EA are currently working on a criterion listing and that the work should be completed soon. However, the map layer for transport routes is incomplete and, as such it will be difficult to identify any distance criteria. There is a need to investigate ways of incorporating the road map layer.

GW reported that a meeting had taken place with Adrian Stewart and Richard Jones (WESA) to discuss the Industry's concerns. The following main points were noted:

- Main concern is with the timescale of delivering new facilities – the main problem at this time is the shortage of short-term landfill void;
- The economies of scale associated with landfill suggest that the facilities are regional not local;
- Green composting is considered local, and in-vessel composting is regional;
- Bridgend / Swansea and Neath Port Talbot has a landfill problem; and
- There is too much uncertainty with regard to hazardous waste landfill – a crisis is looming;

With regard to hazardous waste, although Corus had not ruled out having an open-gate facility, in reality the required facilities will not be in place by July 2004. There is therefore a need to add an additional criterion for hazardous waste when identifying landfill sites.

SM recommended that a possible way forward would be to commission more research. It was agreed however, that the work of the EA should be completed before a decision on additional research is taken. **Action:** CO to contact EA to determine a timescale for completion of the work and report to GW by Friday 30th January. **Action:** GW to place the need for research on the next RTG agenda.

5. **Funding for the next 3 years**

Following the circulation of the draft paper from WAG, GW outlined the need for consideration on how the region should move forward and in particular who should continue to lead the process. It was noted that the issue is on the agenda at the next all-Wales meeting on Friday 20th February.

It was agreed that the issue needs to be taken back to each authority and should be put on the agenda at the next Member Forum meeting.

CP recommended that one area of future work should include BPEO analysis. Any additional comments need to be forwarded to GW prior to 20th February. **Action:** All.

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held at 2.00pm, Friday 27th February at Penllergaer.

7. **Any Other Business**

CP raised the cost issue of implementing the RWP. It was noted that Barry Hankey (South East Wales) had submitted a costing to WAG and the issue had been discussed at the last WLGA meeting.

Following a request from the WLGA, it was agreed that the South West Wales region would carry out a similar exercise.