

**Tuesday 8th December 2009 at 10.00 am
Penallta Chamber, Ty Penallta, Tredomen Park, Ystrad Mynach**

1. Opening and introductions

2. Purpose and scope of Exploratory Meeting

3. LDP focussed and other changes

- Lack of adequate evidence-based supporting rationale for FCs 04, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 & 16 plus deletion of HG1.25, in terms of effect on Plan soundness.
- Current LPA position following 1 December Council Meeting.
- Completeness and precision of pre-submission changes to deposit Plan.
- Procedural requirements for further changes.

4. Plan housing provision and 2006-based household projections

- Adequacy of consideration of 2006-based household projections in light of WAG letter CL-02-09 of 11 June 2009, in terms of setting out implications for the deposit Plan and options for addressing these.

5. Affordable housing policies and Plan targets

- FCs 01 & 02 – Clarity of level of affordable housing need and target to be delivered via policies SP17/CW 14.
- Quantification of identified affordable housing need in Plan.
- Justification for affordable housing provision target in light of much higher estimated level of affordable housing need.
- Adequacy/clarity of evidence base in demonstrating deliverability of affordable housing target.
- Flexibility of strategy to respond to differing market circumstances.

6. Policy WM 1 – Waste facilities site serving more than one authority area

- Dialogue with Merthyr Tydfil CBC – consistency with Merthyr LDP.
- Level of evidence base to support policy WM 1.
- Prospect of delivery within the Plan period.

7. Surface water flooding maps

- Need for review of allocated sites in the light of Areas Susceptible to Surface Water Flooding Maps produced by the Environment Agency.

8. Options for proceeding and timescales

9. Close of meeting

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