

Agricultural Waste Stakeholders' Forum

Terms of Reference –Waste Strategy Sub-Group

Chair: Rob Wise, Agricultural Industries Confederation

Secretariat: Environment Agency

Membership: as determined by the Chair, but current membership includes Defra, DTI, DCLG, Environment Agency, Agricultural Industries Confederation, BPI, British Veterinary Association, Crop Protection Association, Environmental Services Association, Local Government Association, National Farmers Union, Tyre Recovery Association and WRAP.

1. Purpose of the Sub-Group

To examine and report on current and future strategic issues surrounding the sustainable management of agricultural waste.

2. Specific Responsibilities

- 2.1 Discuss and inform the Forum on comprehensive strategies to allow for reuse, re-cycling and recovery of farm wastes and in particular where it considers fundamental research is needed.
- 2.2 Assist the agricultural sector to develop sustainably by recommending practical strategies for managing agricultural waste, including Codes of Practice for farm waste management (based on the best practical environmental option).
- 2.3 Identify strategic barriers to the sustainable management of agricultural waste and develop and pursue solutions to those barriers (e.g. the interface with planning, the development of a suitable waste management infrastructure).
- 2.4 Examine the government's Waste Strategy Review for England to inform the implementation of "*Waste Strategy 2000*" in respect of agricultural waste. Welsh Assembly Government will review the Wales Waste Strategy 2002 "*Wise About Waste*" in 2007.
- 2.5 Advise the Forum on the progress of the Agricultural Waste Plastics Programme and identify opportunities for the development of integrated farm waste strategies that are outside the scope of that programme.
- 2.6 Advise the Forum on the progress of the government's Producer Responsibility plans for non-packaging plastics.
- 2.7 Liaise when necessary with the AWSF Monitoring and Implementation Sub-Group.
- 2.8 The Sub-Group will meet prior to the scheduled meetings of the Forum and will prepare a report for the Forum's meetings. The Chair will be responsible for arranging the meetings of the Sub-Group.