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Local Authority Chief
Executives
Cc: Directors for Environment
Waste Management Officers

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Dear Colleague,

REVISION OF LANDFILL ALLOWANCES FROM 2010 (SECTIONS 4 & 5 OF THE WASTE AND EMISSIONS TRADING ACT 2003)

Under the Landfill Allowance Scheme (LAS) all local authorities in Wales have been set statutory targets to limit the amount of biodegradable municipal waste (BMW) they send to landfill. Allowances have so far only been firmly allocated up until the 2009-10 target year with indicative allowances signalled post 2009-10.

The current LAS allocations were calculated using 'baseline' data contained in the Municipal Waste Management Data Survey Report for 2001-02. In its response to the December 2005 joint WLG/Welsh Assembly Government December consultation ("Consultation on the Landfill Allowances Scheme and the Pre-treatment of Municipal Wastes in Wales"), the Welsh Assembly Government made clear its intention to allocate future allowances using more up to date municipal waste data collected from WasteDataFlow. A letter sent out to all authorities on 5 June 2006 included the Welsh Assembly Government's response to the consultation which identified the Welsh Assembly Government's proposal to base allowances for each local authority from 2010-11 to 2019-20 on the proportion of each local authority's municipal waste arisings for 2008-09 out of the total of municipal waste arisings for 2008-09.

Following representations made that local authorities need to know as soon as possible what the allowances will be post 2009-10, a decision has been taken to now calculate allowances from 2010-11 to 2019-20 using the proportions of municipal waste arisings for each local authority in 2007-08.

Under the provisions of sections 4 and 5 of the Waste and Emissions Trading Act 2003, I am hereby notifying local authorities in Wales that the new allowances for each authority are as specified below in table 1.

Table 1 – Landfill Allowances for Welsh local authorities from 2009-10 to 2019-20

Waste Disposal Authority	LAS Allowances for 2010/11 – 2014/15 (tonnes)				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Blaenau Gwent	14,250	12,440	10,631	10,179	9,726
Bridgend	30,732	26,830	22,927	21,952	20,976
Caerphilly	37,347	32,604	27,862	26,676	25,491
Cardiff *	64,065	55,931	47,797	45,761	43,729
Carmarthenshire	33,919	29,611	25,304	24,228	23,151
Ceredigion	15,596	13,616	11,635	11,140	10,645
Conwy	28,290	24,698	21,105	20,207	19,309
Denbighshire	17,921	15,645	13,370	12,801	12,232
Flintshire	33,311	29,081	24,851	23,793	22,736
Gwynedd	28,909	25,238	21,567	20,649	19,731
Isle of Anglesey	15,938	13,914	11,890	11,384	10,879
Merthyr Tydfil	12,311	10,747	9,184	8,793	8,402
Monmouthshire	18,380	16,046	13,712	13,129	12,545
Neath Port Talbot	30,547	26,668	22,789	21,819	20,849
Newport	25,725	22,459	19,192	18,375	17,558
Pembrokeshire	26,134	22,815	19,497	18,667	17,837
Powys	31,148	27,193	23,237	22,249	21,260
Rhondda Cynon Taff	43,730	38,177	32,624	31,236	29,847
Swansea	49,092	42,858	36,624	35,066	33,507
Torfaen	18,834	16,442	14,050	13,453	12,855
Vale of Glamorgan	23,551	20,561	17,570	16,822	16,075
Wrexham	30,270	26,426	22,582	21,621	20,660

Waste Disposal Authority	LAS Allowances for 2015/16 – 2019/20 (tonnes)				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Blaenau Gwent	9,274	8,821	8,369	7,917	7,464
Bridgend	20,000	19,025	18,049	17,073	16,098
Caerphilly	24,305	23,119	21,934	20,748	19,563
Cardiff *	41,692	39,660	37,627	35,592	33,557
Carmarthenshire	22,074	20,997	19,920	18,844	17,767
Ceredigion	10,150	9,655	9,160	8,665	8,170
Conwy	18,411	17,513	16,615	15,717	14,819
Denbighshire	11,663	11,094	10,525	9,956	9,387
Flintshire	21,678	20,621	19,563	18,506	17,448
Gwynedd	18,814	17,896	16,978	16,060	15,143
Isle of Anglesey	10,373	9,867	9,361	8,855	8,349
Merthyr Tydfil	8,012	7,621	7,230	6,839	6,448
Monmouthshire	11,962	11,378	10,795	10,211	9,628
Neath Port Talbot	19,880	18,910	17,940	16,971	16,001
Newport	16,742	15,925	15,108	14,292	13,475
Pembrokeshire	17,008	16,178	15,348	14,519	13,689
Powys	20,271	19,282	18,293	17,304	16,316
Rhondda Cynon Taff	28,459	27,071	25,683	24,294	22,906
Swansea	31,949	30,391	28,832	27,274	25,715
Torfaen	12,257	11,659	11,061	10,463	9,865
Vale of Glamorgan	15,327	14,579	13,832	13,084	12,336
Wrexham	19,699	18,738	17,777	16,816	15,856

* The Cardiff allowance has been rounded down by one 1 tonne in 2010/11 & 2019/20, up by one tonne in 2014/15 & 2017/18, up by 2 tonnes in 2012/13 and down by 2 tonnes in 2015/16.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your excellent efforts to date and wish you success in your work towards meeting your future LAS targets.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Davidson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

Jane Davidson AM

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