



## **News Release**

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### **AEA continues to build up waste expertise with three new recruits**

Leading environmental consultancy AEA has recruited three respected industry specialists to join its established Waste Management and Resource Efficiency Group, led by Practice Knowledge Leader Dr Adam Read.

All three consultants, Nia Owen, Ken Hall and Sarahjane Widdowson, have been brought in to build on AEA's continuing expansion in the waste and resource efficiency sectors and will provide new momentum for the year ahead. Together, they bring a wealth of client experience across both the public and private sectors at local and national levels with proven ability in strategy, consultancy, operations, behavioural change and audit work.

Dr Adam Read, Practice Knowledge Leader, AEA said:

“This is an exciting start to 2010 for AEA; Nia, Ken and Sarahjane all bring market-leading expertise to the Waste Management Team and will help continue to build on the success of AEA’s work in these fields, helping to develop our staff, support our clients and increase our capability and quality across our portfolio of services.

“Nia Owen joins AEA from the Environment Agency where she has been working on quality protocols and is a specialist auditor with modelling, strategy and technologies experience. Nia will be based in Cardiff supporting AEA’s work for the Welsh Assembly Government and local authorities, including delivery work for Envirowise, and support to the Environment Agency. She has a PhD in Materials Recovery Facility engineering and design.

“Ken Hall is an expert in contract procurement and mobilisation and has come from Milton Keynes Council to support AEA’s procurement group. He has run in-house service teams and specialises in refuse and recycling collections, Household Waste Recycling Centres and organic waste treatment. He is currently helping finalise organic waste contracts with Milton Keynes and is supporting AEA’s work in Essex. He is based in London and his client-side experience will be invaluable in assisting with a range of our local authority consultancy work, in particular collection strategies and infrastructure procurement.

“Previously at Haringey Council and Hyder Consulting, Sarahjane Widdowson has been appointed to lead the new AEA waste auditing work stream where she will support businesses in analysing their baseline, writing action plans and developing staff training programmes. She specialises in NHS advisory work and will also provide support to our growing communications group, helping develop local authority recycling communication strategies. She will also be based in London”.

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transport, AEA employs many world leading experts and provides a high-level of policy consultancy and a range of technical services to its public and private sector clients.

AEA manages the UK government's Envirowise project, one of the world's largest resource efficiency programmes and provides carbon management expertise to many of the UK's largest private sector organisations.

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