



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Health and Environmental Services Committee
Subject:	Awards for Excellence in Recycling and Waste Management
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Relevant Background Information

Members may be aware of an on-line organisation called letsrecycle.com, which is a leading web-based site championing recycling, re-use of materials and waste minimisation within the waste industry. Several years ago, the organisation introduced annual "*Awards for Excellence in Recycling and Waste Management*".

The annual "*Awards for Excellence*" has nine categories:

- High Street Recycling Champion
- Waste Management Initiative in the Commercial and Public Sector
- Commercial Recycling Champion
- Innovation in Design of a Waste Management Facility
- Collection Crew of the Year
- The Best Community Recycling Initiative
- CA Site of the Year
- The Best Local Authority Recycling Initiative
- Local Authority Recycling Champion

Earlier this month, the Council was notified that, along with two other sites, its Ormeau Recycling Centre had been short-listed for the award of "*Civic Amenity site of the Year 2010*". The two other sites which have been short-listed are from Buckinghamshire County Council and Rhondda Cynon Taf Borough Council.

The Ormeau Recycling Centre had been selected for submission to the letsrecycle.com awards as it is the newest recycling centre and was therefore considered to best meet the letsrecycle.com award criteria (see attached Appendix):

"The civic amenity (CA) site of the year will have successful and effective day-to-day operations that can be measured and seen. The entry is open to operators of all types of CA sites which can be described in many ways, including as household waste recycling centres. Entrants will need to show how the sites have been used to increase recycling and composting and provide an enhanced service to users. Other factors could include planning, design, operational and cost aspects of the site. These sites may be run by a contractor or a local authority and the site will have the principal

functions of the traditional civic amenity site. The sites are likely to be well-run and have specific features such as high levels of recycling, improved waste management and other actions such as re-use, waste education, green waste composting and high standards of health.”

The awards ceremony will take place in the Landmark Hotel, Marylebone, London on 5th May 2010, commencing at 12:15 p.m.

Key Issues

A record number of entries have been submitted this year for all categories of the letsrecycle.com awards, and the Council has been offered two free places at the award ceremony as a result of being one of the three authorities short-listed for the “*Civic Amenity site of the Year 2010*”.

Resource Implications

Financial

Should approval be granted for attendance at the letsrecycle.com awards ceremony in London there would be no charge for attendance; however there will be costs of around £150 per person associated with travel and subsistence.

This can be accommodated from within the Service’s budget.

Human Resources

There are no human resource implications.

Asset and Other Implications

The award would represent further recognition of the steps which the Council has taken to provide modern recycling and waste management facilities for the residents of Belfast.

Recommendations

It is recommended that approval be granted for the Chairman and the Head of Waste Management (or their nominees) to attend the awards ceremony in London on 5th May.

Key to Abbreviations

CA – Civic Amenity site

Document Attached

A copy of the submission.

Decision Tracking

The Head of Service will ensure the necessary arrangements are made for the Chairman, or his nominee, and a suitable Council officer to attend the ceremony in London.