

Environmental Business Awards – Scope

Scope of the Scheme

Any business which operates and is located within the boundary of the City of Glasgow is eligible for consideration for an Award. In other words, if your business has premises within Glasgow, your application will be considered.

It is not necessary that your business headquarters are located in the city - provided that your business activity has a real presence within Glasgow and has an impact upon its environment. For instance, a company which has numerous branches throughout the UK may apply and qualify for an Award - as long as the application relates to a branch or outlet within Glasgow.

The Scheme aims to be inclusive and seeks to reward good environmental performance in all types and sizes of business. It is hoped that many small, independent operators such as street traders and retail shops will apply and achieve recognition. It is also anticipated that larger national or multinational companies will appreciate the value of community engagement and enhanced reputation and will apply. The Scheme will be launched initially amongst the food sector.

The Award Gradings

Awards will be made at 3 levels:

- Gold
- Silver
- Bronze

Legal Compliance - Qualifying for an Award

Before an applicant business is considered for an Award, a few checks have to be made on information held by Glasgow City Council, Land and Environmental Services. While the Council is keen to make as many Awards as possible, it is aware of the implications of publicising the grant to a business which fails to comply with basic legal requirements. The relevant legal requirements comprise what is referred to as the Compliance Criteria.

Compliance Criteria

The basic areas of legal requirement are, for the purposes of the Scheme, defined as follows

- Operation of a Commercial Waste uplift contract
- Compliance with any business-specific waste disposal issues - e.g. animal by-products disposal
- Compliance with Metrology requirements (i.e. weights and measures)

- Compliance with Fair Trading requirements
- Compliance with Age-restriction requirements - where appropriate
- Compliance with food safety requirements - to an acceptable level
- Compliance with health and safety at work requirements - to an acceptable level
- Compliance with Smoke free legislation
- Compliance with any relevant licensing conditions
- Absence of fixed penalty notice for 1 year (e.g. commercial waste disposal or street litter control notice)
- Absence of significant business rate debt during the past year