

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services

Community Safety and Environmental Services Committee: 2 August 2006

Subject: The Chartered Institution of Wastes Management - Award

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To inform the Committee that The Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM) has presented an Innovative Practice in Waste Management and Resource Recovery award to the Waste Services Section.

2. Background

- 2.1** The CIWM holds an annual awards competition for institute members and affiliates to recognise outstanding contributions to wastes management. The awards are open to a wide variety of entrants including local authorities, private companies, community groups, not-for-profit organisations, voluntary organisations and equipment manufacturers and suppliers.
- 2.2** The Waste Services Section entered the competition category Innovative Practice in Waste Management and Resource Recovery which is a new award for 2006.
- 2.3** This category focuses on excellence in any area of innovative wastes management practice or resource recovery. Entrants are required to demonstrate how they have approached an issue using originality and innovation to develop a solution with a successful outcome.
- 2.4** The Council's entry was based on the Waste Services Section educational programme which focuses on primary 4 pupils and includes the interactive 'Binman' DVD, and associated learning tools. All this material is designed to encourage recycling and waste minimisation both at school and in the home and to promote the sustainability message to young people.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** There were 48 entries in the category for the Innovative Practice in Waste Management and Resource Recovery award. Following assessment of all of the entries, the CIWM judging panel decided to award an overall winner and 3 highly commended / runner up awards because of the high quality of entries. During April 2006 the Waste Services Section received notification that the entry had received a 'Highly Commended' award.

3.2 West Dunbartonshire Council was the only Scottish council to gain an award and received one of only eighteen awards presented at the CIWM annual awards ceremony held in Torbay, England on 13 June 2006.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications issues.

6. Conclusions

6.1 The Waste Services Section education programme which includes the innovative 'Binman' DVD, has received recognition from the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management for an outstanding contribution to wastes management.

7. Recommendation

7.1 **The Committee is invited to note the success of the Waste Services Section in achieving a "highly commended" award from the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management for Innovative Practice in Waste Management and Resource Recovery.**

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Wards Affected: All Wards

Appendix: Nil

Background Papers: Report to West Dunbartonshire Council 23 June 2004, entitled Recycling and Waste Minimisation – Development of Services.

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