



<b>Subject:</b>	Attendance at the Materials Recycling World: National Recycling Awards, London on 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
<b>Date:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The publication Materials Recycling Weekly (MRW) are holding their annual National Recycling Awards (NRA) in the Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, London on 28 June 2018 bringing together over 650 recycling and waste management professionals to recognise best practice and innovation in recycling and waste management. Following on from the introduction of food waste collection in 2017, which brought about a city wide behavioral shift in relation to food waste recycling, Waste Management submitted an application for the “ <i>Food Waste Initiative</i> ” category at the NRA.
1.2	Recently, the Service was informed that it had been shortlisted for an award in this category.

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider if it wishes to authorise the Director, Chair and Deputy Chair (or their nominees) to attend this event.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	<p>Following introduction of new legislation, in April 2017 councils across NI introduced compulsory organic waste separation and collections. Enacting these changes required considerable work and a concise, cohesive plan was developed to ensure that residents were informed and had the necessary receptacles and information in order to use the new collection services appropriately.</p>
3.2	<p>This was a considerable undertaking and required a wide range of staff to work together in order to achieve a city-wide cultural/behavioural shift in a short period of time. It was predicted that this project would increase the citywide recycling rate by 1% (approx.) but this looks to be below what is actually being achieved. A submission was made to the NRA to recognise the contribution and commitment made by staff to introduce this new service and to also appreciate the response from Belfast's residents. The Service was delighted to be shortlisted for the "<i>Food Waste Initiative</i>" category and this will provide further publicity opportunities to highlight the success of this scheme and to further embed changes in behaviours and attitudes across Belfast.</p>
3.3	<p>The MRW are holding their annual awards ceremony in the Hilton, Park Lane, London on 28 June 2018 which, for the first time, is a full day event.</p>
3.4	<p>During the day, there will be a series of chats, interviews, roundtable/panel discussions covering the latest developments in the waste industry, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Waste Not Want Not: A collective responsibility</li> <li>▪ Opportunities arising from the China ban</li> <li>▪ Insurance</li> <li>▪ Emerging technology</li> <li>▪ New Health and Safety Guidelines</li> <li>▪ Commercial Waste Management</li> </ul>
3.5	<p>In the evening, there will be an awards ceremony comprising of 20 categories, for which the</p>

<p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p> <p>3.8</p> <p>3.9</p>	<p>Council had been shortlisted for the the “<i>Food Waste Initiative</i>” category.</p> <p>It is requested that Members consider if they wish to authorise the Director, the Chair and the Deputy chair (or their nominees) to attend the full day event which will include an overnight stay and return flights.</p> <p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The standard rate for attending the awards and the day events is £450.00 per person, exclusive of VAT. Subsistence and travel costs associated with this conference per person are likely to be in the region of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ £150.00 – flights</li> <li>▪ £150.00 – accommodation</li> <li>▪ £50.00 – other travel</li> <li>▪ £50.00 – subsistence.</li> </ul> <p>The costs of the conference can be met within the Service’s Revenue Budget</p> <p><u>Equality &amp; Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
<p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>Appendix 1 - Draft Event Itinerary</p>
	<p><b>Abbreviations</b></p>
	<p>MRW – Materials Recycling World</p> <p>NRA – National Recycling Awards</p>