

# Green Compass

## PAS 402:2009

### Company Fact Sheet



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## Background Information

Following the launch of the Towards Zero Waste Wales Strategy and the forthcoming Welsh Assembly Government sector plans, it is intended there will be a shift in focus in the development of procurement strategies with industry and the public sector, to direct waste to Green Compass organizations, so complying with PAS 402:2009 should be at the top of waste management companies agendas.

Constructing Excellence in Wales (CEW) has successfully secured £500,000 of Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO) funding to support waste management organizations to obtain PAS 402:2009, using the Green Compass Scheme.

## Aim of the Green Compass Scheme

The scheme aims to develop a network of UKAS accredited waste management companies that can seek compliance with the new PAS 402:2009 (Publicly Available Specification) and is available to all waste resource management organizations in the United Kingdom & Ireland.

It allows customers disposing of waste the certainty that their waste will be collected, checked, recycled or disposed of in an environmentally sound fashion.

## PAS 402:2009

CEW has developed PAS 402:2009 which requires waste resource management organizations that process construction and demolition, industrial, commercial or household waste to produce a report that details how they conduct specific waste management activities and the landfill diversion and material recovery rates they achieve.

## Pilot Study

Ten waste management companies who volunteered to participate in a pilot study have reported success, with landfill diversion rates reaching 85%, materials recovery rates for inert material of 100% and 200,000 tonnes of waste per annum being diverted during the pilot study.

To read their profiles and find out more visit [www.greencompass.org.uk](http://www.greencompass.org.uk)



## Benefits of the Green Compass Scheme

Waste handling organizations that have already benefited from the scheme have reported an increase in the reuse and recycling of construction and demolition waste in Wales, plus improved efficiency across their business. With the provision of independently verified and validated performance data for clients and government, including landfill diversion and materials recovery rates, those who have participated in the scheme are also benefiting from a framework to continuously improve their waste management practices. Green Compass companies are also gaining the competitive edge on those companies who do not comply with PAS 402:2009.

## Funding Package

Eligible waste handling organizations in Wales can access over £5000 worth of funding, which supports both the implementation and the inspection aspects of the Green Compass Scheme. This includes 1-2-1 tailored support to help prepare and produce performance reports, free access to a

dedicated website and a free copy of PAS 402:2009, plus support to prepare for a UKAS accredited inspection.

Successfully inspected organizations will receive a certificate, recognition on the official website and are able to use the logo for display and tender purposes, giving Welsh companies the competitive edge when bidding for work.

## Costs Involved

To access the support package, there is a one-off company contribution of £200 which provides the implementation of the scheme and full support as well as a UKAS accredited inspection.

### Further Information

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