

## Environmental Business Awards Criteria

### Award Criteria Groups and Award Grades

Applicants will be invited to submit details of their performance in 4 specific Groups:

- Environmental Action
- Business Environment
- Waste Management
- Health, Safety and Quality

Performance will be assessed by officers of the Council and a score accorded under each Award Criteria Group. The objective of each applicant should be to demonstrate good environmental practice in as many areas as possible - to achieve a balanced scorecard.

Points can be scored under all 4 of the Groups - however, a minimum score of 15 is compulsory under the first Group - Environmental Action.

The Scheme is designed to allow a maximum score of 270 points. The points are available under each Group heading as follows:

1. Environmental Action - 90 Points
2. Business Environment - 60 Points
3. Waste Management - 60 Points
4. Health, Safety and Quality - 60 Points

Each Group is divided into Topics which have different score weightings - dependent upon environmental importance.

In order to achieve an Award, a business must attain a total threshold score across a minimum number of Groups:

<b>Award</b>	<b>Threshold Score Required (Points)</b>	<b>Minimum Number of Groups (Group 1 Compulsory)</b>
No Award	Below 60	Not Applicable
Bronze	60 to 104	2
Silver	105 to 149	2
Gold	150 and above	3

A list of examples and suggestions for each group can be found in the Award Scheme Manual.

These are provided merely as prompts and aim to give an indication of the kind of issues you should consider in your application.

A number of these prompts are also provided in the Application Form.