

Subject Cyngor Sir Powys County Council: Council backs 'right Waste, right Place' campaign

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Council backs 'right Waste, right Place' campaign

A campaign which aims to help small businesses comply with the law around waste disposal is now being supported by Powys County Council.

The council has become the first in Wales in becoming an 'ambassador for the 'right Waste, right Place' campaign.

In a recent survey, half of small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) in the UK admitted that they didn't know where their waste ends up and didn't keep their waste transfer note. These companies run the risk of inadvertently allowing their waste to be fly-tipped and facing an unlimited fine.

The campaign will target SMEs and other organisations throughout Wales with information and practical guidance for businesses about waste and recycling and their Duty of Care obligations. This complements the work that the council is doing with traders.

There is also advice available from the council's trade waste team and at www.powys.gov.uk/recycle.

The council's aim is to help SMEs comply with the law to reduce the risk of enforcement action being taken.

Cllr John Powell, Cabinet Member for Environment and Sustainability, said: "We are proud to be ambassadors for the 'right Waste, right Place' campaign as it helps our small businesses to protect themselves.

"We know that the vast majority of firms in Powys want to do the right thing. Running a small business is a lot of hard work but it is vital to make sure you have paper work to prove your waste is being professionally dealt with.

"We would also recommend that householders check that any traders they employ are 'registered waste carriers' and ask where they are taking your waste."

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Notes to editors

Under Section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, all businesses who carry, keep, recycle, dispose of, treat, import or have control of controlled waste, have a legal obligation to take all reasonable steps to keep that waste safe.

Business can at any time be asked to prove compliance by producing their Waste Transfer Notes. Failure to do so could result in enforcement action being taken.

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