

Report on	WISH NI Ambassador Award
Date of Meeting	8th July 2024
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on receipt of a WISHNI Ambassador Award for 2024/25.
2.0	Background
2.1	The Waste Industry Safety and Health Forum Northern Ireland (WISHNI) is made up of representatives from the waste management and recycling industry in Northern Ireland. The Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland (HSENI) is also a member in an advisory role to help improve health and safety practices.
2.2	The aim of WISHNI is to identify, devise and promote activities to improve industry health and safety standards. The ambassador awards epitomises WISHNI's "Safer by Sharing" ethos by communicating some of the best health and safety initiatives.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Ambassador Programme is an initiative developed by WISHNI which seeks to recognise health and safety excellence and best practice within the waste industry.
3.2	Typically a WISHNI Ambassador has the following characteristics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Ambassador promotes health and safety best practice within their respective organisation. • An Ambassador leads by example within the industry on matters relating to health and safety. • An Ambassador engages and actively participates with other partner organisations within the waste industry on matters relating to health and safety and actively participates in forum meetings.

3.3

At the start of the year WISHNI invited applications from organisations associated with the waste industry in Northern Ireland which have an interest in improving Health & Safety to become a WISH NI Ambassador for 2024/25.

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The assessment criteria for applications included the following elements;

- Demonstration of policy and organisation for health and safety management.
- Demonstration of a systematic approach for providing your workforce with training and information appropriate to the types of activity that your organisation undertakes.
- Demonstration of how your organisation has implemented best practice within their respective organisation and/or wider waste industr

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An application was submitted based on our roll-out of One Armed Vehicles (OAVs) to carry out refuse collection in rural parts of the district which is considered best practice given it removes the risk of operatives being harmed whilst working at the rear of vehicles on busy roads with speeds up to 60 mph.

3.6

A panel from WISHNI reviewed our application and recommended that Mid Ulster District Council be awarded the title of WISHNI Ambassador for 2024/25. The award was presented at an event at the La Mon Hotel on 17th April (see below photograph) and a copy of the award certificate is included as an appendix.



4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/A
	Human: N/A
	Risk Management: The award demonstrates our commitment to the management of safety risks.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are requested to note the content of this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – WISHNI Ambassador Award for Mid Ulster District Council