



GREEN COMPASS

A new direction for waste management



The Green Compass Scheme

The aim of the Green Compass Scheme is to support the waste industry to move towards a truly sustainable approach to managing waste whilst providing customers with validated waste performance data.

The Green Compass Scheme enables waste management organisations to demonstrate their performance with a UKAS accredited inspection against PAS 402. The scheme provides the framework, guidance and process for PAS 402 inspection.

What is PAS 402?

PAS 402 is the publicly available specification (PAS) for waste management performance reporting. Published by BSI, the specification provides the framework for the demonstration of performance against key areas of delivery, including landfill diversion and materials recovery, assuring potential and existing customers of the service they are procuring.

Key aspects of PAS 402 include:

- Scope of operations
- Impacts and risks
- Operational management
- Legal and other requirements
- Performance review

What are the benefits?

An independent evaluation of the Green Compass Scheme, undertaken by AECOM identified the following benefits:

- Improved waste performance data;
- Improved operating and safety practices;
- A reduction in waste to landfill, with a corresponding reduction in CO₂ and operating costs;
- An improved perception of the waste management industry;
- Increased business activity;
- Through 'awareness raising' of the concept of landfill diversion, materials recovery and an open system of reporting, PAS 402/Green Compass Scheme promotes application of the waste hierarchy.

How does it work?

Compliance is demonstrated through the inspection of an annual report detailing company performance for the previous year against PAS 402. The Green Compass Scheme can arrange implementation support to guide the development of the annual report and the UKAS accredited inspection.

The Green Compass Scheme is applicable to all waste management companies processing waste. To apply to become an accredited company, please email us at info@greencompass.org. For further information regarding the Green Compass Scheme, or for an application form please visit: www.greencompass.org



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