

Businesses hear of waste saving ideas

ABOUT 30 Tayside businesses heard yesterday how they could minimise waste and have a positive effect on the environment.

At the first meeting of Tayside Environmental Network, set up to provide advice to companies about maximising efficiency, companies heard how they could meet the financial costs of operating in harmony with the environment.

Emma Baillie, Tayside waste strategy area co-ordinator, said she wants the network to be company-led and moves are afoot to secure a place on its steering group for a representative from one of the member businesses.

"We want it to be their network and we want the meetings to be about what they want us to talk about," she said.

"The companies gave us good feedback and they were keen to find out about upcoming legislation and advice about how they could get through this.

"They wanted to know how they can minimise waste, which will help them to become more competitive.

She went on, "Businesses are operating in an increasingly competitive climate and must continually seek to operate as efficiently as possible.

"The environment is an increasing cost for businesses through water and waste charges, landfill tax and the climate change levy on energy bills.

"By identifying and tackling such costs it is possible to reduce operational costs."

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