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## **PRAXIS RECEIVES KEEP GUERNSEY GREEN AWARD**

Three local organisations have been awarded the Keep Guernsey Green Award.

The Praxis Group, Guernsey Electricity, and Partners Group join 10 other companies who have undertaken the Environment Department scheme which recognises waste management action by the commercial sector.

Achievement of the Keep Guernsey Green Award is a public acknowledgement of the contribution an organisation makes in helping Guernsey maintain a healthy, clean environment by operating according to best practices in waste management, waste minimisation and recycling.

Deputy Chris Brock, Member of the Environment Department, was pleased to see another three companies signing up for the awards, and demonstrating their commitment to the environment. However, he is keen to see more take the time to consider waste management and sign up for the Award, "The Department has received a number of enquiries from companies who are interested, but have not yet signed up due to time constraints."

However, he said that it was important to consider the financial as well as environmental benefits to managing waste effectively, "A reduction in waste means a reduction in costs and this, together with the 'Green' identification, can help make an organisation more competitive and attract new business."

The award is open to any island company or non-profit organisation and is held for three years. An independent assessor supports participants and the validation process takes between three and nine months, depending on the size and complexity of the organisation.