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The Workspace Group wins Sustainability Award at Chamber Awards bash

The Workspace Group, a sustainable enterprise from Northern Ireland, is celebrating after winning the Sustainability award, sponsored by Utilitywise, at the British Chambers of Commerce's annual Chamber Awards 2013. The Chamber Awards, now in the 10th anniversary year, is one of the showpiece events in the business calendar, highlighting the role of business as a positive force for the UK recovery, and for local communities.

The Workspace Group, a member of Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce, was praised by the judging panel for its unique approach to sustainable local development, in particular for using profits from its commercial activities to fund local community projects, including afterschool clubs in Draperstown and a sports recreational centre for the use of schools and the wider community.

Nora Senior, President of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) said:

"I visit many businesses up and down the country and I am constantly impressed by their determination, innovation and the contributions they are making to their local communities. With focus and passion, The Workspace Group has developed a fine offering in the marketplace, and is showing the world why Business is Good for Britain."

Yashin Sarnaik, Partner Channel Director at Utilitywise plc said:

"As the UK's leading utility cost management consultancy, we recognise the challenges facing businesses when it comes to managing their ever-increasing energy and water costs. We're delighted to have sponsored this year's Sustainability Award and we congratulate The Workspace Group on delivering some incredible initiatives which have had a real impact on their own business and the communities in which they operate."

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Notes to editors:

The 10th annual British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) Chamber Awards took place Thursday 28th November at The Brewery in London, and was supported by the RBS Group, British Library, BT Business, Composite Legal Expenses, Dell, DHL Express, Qdos Consulting, Westfield Health and Utilitywise.

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