



hub East Central News

Investing in future services

Our strategic development fund has provided over £2.1 million to enable work that has transformed initial concepts into real project opportunities, improving local services across the region.

This programme of investment and support for Participants is unique, and has funded 40 development projects since its inception. There are currently 12 new projects moving forward under the programme.



New projects underway



Construction work starts on £35m Care Village

Enthusiasm was evident in spades when key partners involved in the development of the new Stirling Care Village got together to cut the first sods to mark the start of construction.

The innovative £35m development, which is being built in the grounds of Stirling Community Hospital, is a joint venture between NHS Forth Valley, Stirling Council, and the Scottish Ambulance Service. Forth Valley College is also keen to explore ways to offer training and volunteering opportunities within the new Care Village to local young people who are considering a career in the health and care sector.

hub East Central Scotland is managing the project and Robertson Construction is the main contractor. Most of the facilities are expected to be completed by autumn 2018, with the ambulance station and final site works completed by autumn 2019.

The Care Village will support the integration of local health and social care services, making it easier for staff to work together to deliver better co-ordinated, more joined-up care to local people – a key aim of the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership.

This will be achieved by bringing wide range of health and social services together in two new purpose-built facilities – a Care Hub and a Primary and Urgent Care Centre. The Scottish Ambulance Service also plans to move their existing ambulance station in the Riverside area of Stirling to a new station and workshop on the Stirling Community Hospital site.

Kinross Primary School



Deputy First Minister visits site of two new primaries

Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, John Swinney MSP, visited the sites of two new Perth & Kinross Council primary schools to see the progress being made and to meet pupils, staff and the construction team.

Mr Swinney visited Kinross and Tulloch Primary Schools, which are part of a £55 million programme jointly funded by the local authority and the Scottish Government in Perth and Kinross. The programme also includes a new secondary school at Bertha Park in Perth.

Mr Swinney commented: "I have seen first-hand the transformational effect of new school buildings. Modern, state-of-the-art facilities can inspire students, staff and parents and make a positive difference to learning outcomes."

Perth & Kinross Council Education & Lifelong Learning Committee Convener, Councillor Bob Band, said: "It's fantastic to see works beginning on our two new Primary Schools in Kinross and Tulloch. The

new primary schools at Kinross and Tulloch are part of an overall investment programme of £145m from the Council to improve the school estate."

Tulloch Primary School



OFFICIAL OPENINGS

Harris Academy

Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, John Swinney MSP, officially opened the new £31 million Harris Academy building in Dundee.

Mr Swinney said: "I am very pleased to officially open the new Harris Academy building, which was supported with £20.3 million from the Scottish Government's Schools for the Future programme, and combines educational tradition with state-of-the-art accommodation."

Work started on the new school in 2014, following demolition of the previous 1931 building.

Original features, such as the clock tower and the



stone entrance portico, have been retained and reused prominently in the new building.

The project was led by hub East Central Scotland in partnership with Dundee Council, Scottish Futures Trust and Robertson Tayside.

St Ninians Primary School

Less than 18 months since the first sod was cut, the new St Ninians Primary school has been officially opened. The school's existing Victorian section has been retained and refurbished to provide a dedicated home for the nursery class, and a new two-storey building created to accommodate primary school pupils and staff.

The £8.2 million development was funded jointly by Stirling Council and the national Scottish Schools for the Future programme, managed by hub East Central Scotland and built by Robertson Central.



Deputy Council Leader and Convenor of the Finance and Economy Committee, Councillor Neil Benny, had the privilege of officially opening the school: "I was delighted to officially open the new St Ninians Primary and help celebrate this exciting new chapter in the school's history."

St Ninians is the second school delivered for Stirling Council by hub East Central Scotland after the opening of the new St Margaret's Primary School and Cowie Nursery earlier in the year.

Brechin Community Campus

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, officially opened the spectacular new Brechin Community Campus at a special ceremony.

Brechin Community Campus accommodates Brechin High School, ANGUSalive sport and leisure facilities and the Council's communities team. The campus approach provides the community with integrated education for young and old, community groups, as well as sport and leisure facilities such as a swimming pool, climbing wall, fitness suite and gyms. Facilities within the campus are fully accessible for people with additional support needs.

The campus was developed as part of the Scotland's Schools for the Future initiative and is part-funded by Angus Council and the Scottish Government at a cost of £26.5 million. The campus opened its doors to pupils and the community in February 2016.



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Two new primary schools in Angus

Songs and celebrations, as well as the unveiling of a commemorative plaques were in order to mark the opening of the new Timmergreens and Warddykes primary schools in Angus. Cllr Sheena Welsh, Convener of Children and Learning

Pupils and staff gathered to celebrate the occasion with Cllr

Sheena Welsh, Convener of Children and Learning carrying out the ceremonial duties at Warddykes. They were joined by Angus Council Depute Provost, Alex King for the unveiling at Timmergreens.

The official opening of the schools marked the conclusion of the £12.6 million first phase of the

Arbroath Schools Project. Both of the existing old school buildings, which had served the community for almost 50 years, were demolished to make way for the new buildings, which provide bright and multi-functional facilities that offers a modern environment for learning.





hub to manage £10m Perth Museum regeneration

Perth and Kinross Council will invest £10m in Perth Museum and Art Gallery, resulting in a major overhaul to the building and the creation of a new collection store in the city. The revamp will deliver modern facilities on par with the National Museum of Scotland and other recent major refurbishments.

The project will be managed by hub East Central Scotland in partnership with the Council. Architectural firm Hoskins has been appointed to lead the overall design of the project, with BAM Construction carrying out work on the museum and Ogilvie Construction tasked with building the new collection store on a separate site.

Perth is currently bidding to become UK City of Culture 2021 and the museum renovation is intended to support the City of Perth's future development.

Council Leader Ian Miller said: "The development at the Museum and Art Gallery is fantastic. The museum will be refurbished to make it more modern and accessible, and it will have updated facilities with more display space. I think it will deliver tangible benefits for the people of Perth and I hope it encourages many more people in Perth and Kinross, and further afield, to visit one of our best cultural assets."

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New Museum and Art Gallery for Dunfermline

Dunfermline's new museum and art gallery will open to the public in May after the successful completion of the £12.4 million project, which brings an impressive new focal point to the Heritage Quarter and wider town centre.

The museum adjoins the world's first Carnegie library and includes a striking new glass structure. It incorporates three exhibition galleries, café, local history space and kid's library over two floors.

Work started in December 2014 and Fife Council committed £8.25 million to the project, along with £2.8 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund and £1 million from the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust.

Mhairi joins the team

Mhairi Turnbull has joined the team as an Assistant Project Manager as part of hub's programme to support skills development and the next generation of talented project managers.

Mhairi is currently working on a postgraduate Masters in Construction Project Management at Heriot Watt University but spends three days a week working with the hub team in Stirling. She said: "Being able to combine my studies with a job that gives practical experience in real-world applications is invaluable; it's the best of both worlds for me. I really enjoy the challenge of finding solutions to complex problems and the satisfaction that comes with seeing a project come to fruition for the benefit of the local community."

