



Delivering over £800m of new community facilities

The value of Hub's community infrastructure has grown to over £800 million. In the last year, we delivered ten new early learning and childcare facilities, along with a new secondary school campus and a state-of-the-art catering services unit.

A further £300 million of projects is under construction or in development and the strategic development fund has provided £3.4 million to our Participants to support feasibility and conceptual programmes that enable them to progress new projects.

Ian Mullen, Chairman, hub East Central Scotland, said:

"Improving people's lives in our communities is integral to everything that we do. In the year, our projects created 474 work placements, created 444 jobs and achieved 132% of our target for employment and skills outcomes.

"We work closely with our public sector partners and contractors to support local SME's and give them the opportunity to bid for work on hub projects across the region with initiatives such as 'Meet the Buyer' events. Once again, this year more than half the value of project work was awarded to companies within the territory."



Work starts on Passivhaus primary school

Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP performed the turf cutting ceremony to mark the official start of works on a state-of-the-art eco-friendly primary school for North Perth, which is expected to open in Spring 2023.

The new £19.9m school, which will replace the current Balhousie and North Muirton Primary Schools, will be the first primary school in Perth and Kinross, and one of the first in Scotland, to be built to Passivhaus standards, where energy-saving measures are an integral part of the building's design.

It will have capacity for 500 pupils, a large nursery and provision for children with additional support needs. The name of the new school will be agreed by the Lifelong Learning Committee following a wide-ranging consultation with pupils, staff, parents, Councillors and the local community.



Craft play

Children at Park Early Learning and Childcare Centre are enjoying their new outdoor craft and play table, donated by hub East Central Scotland and Maxi Construction. Maxi recently completed the design and construction of a new extension to the nursery with hub East Central for Clackmannanshire Council. It provides new play zones, kitchen, toilets, office space and changing areas.

Dunfermline Learning Campus breaks ground

It was shovels at the ready at the site of the new Dunfermline Learning Campus for the official 'groundbreaking' ceremony to celebrate the start of work on the site.

The new campus, due for completion in 2024, will bring together pupils, students and staff at St Columba's RC High School, Woodmill High School and Fife College in modern, fit for purpose and low carbon facilities. The schools will accommodate up to 2,700 students and are being designed to give flexibility in the delivery of the curriculum all whilst retaining the individual school identities.





Madras College Completes

The £40 million project to replace Madras College created a single building that unites all pupils at the school under one roof for the first time in 50 years. Previously, classes were taught in three buildings a mile and a half apart in St Andrews.

The new school was built by BAM Construction under Fife Council's Building Fife's Future Programme and brings 1,450 pupils together on a new 21st century campus with scope for future expansion if required.

With a gross internal floor area of 15,185m², the layout of the building incorporates a large feature courtyard with direct linkage to a dining and space and assembly hall. Linear teaching blocks maximise natural light and ventilation in classrooms. There are two all-weather floodlit sports pitches outside, along with car parking and a bus stance.

Despite the challenges of construction shutdown during the COVID-19 lockdown the project team, Fife Council and the supply chain worked tirelessly to minimise delay to three weeks and ensure that the school opened for the new term in summer 2021 as planned.

Join our supply chain

We are currently reviewing our supply chain and would invite any companies interested in applying to become a Tier 1 or Tier 2 contractor to contact us on mail@hubeastcentralscotland.co.uk

Helping Hands Fife

Memorial Park Community Centre in Methil, Fife, was selected to receive a free refurbishment in hub East Central Scotland's Helping Hands community initiative.

Under the programme, hub East Central Scotland contractor BAM Construction is providing a range of skills labour and materials to revitalise the community centre building, helping to create a facility more suitable to the groups that use it regularly.

The team is refurbishing kitchen facilities, laying new tiles on the main hall floor and upgrading toilet facilities and the main entrance to the building.

The Memorial Park Centre was chosen as the winner from a shortlist of three entries put forward by Fife Council that included Lochgelly Town Hall and Castlehill Community Centre in Cupar. The two runners up will each receive £250 to use on improvements to their facilities. Selections were made by a panel from Fife Council and hub East Central Scotland.

Cowie Community Hub on Track

Work is well underway on the construction of a new £1.6 million Community Hub in the centre of Cowie.

Hub East Central Scotland is delivering the project for Stirling Council, with Muir Construction as the main contractor.

Situated at the heart of the village on Cowie Main Street, the facility will create a new home for the community's relocated library, along with versatile internal meeting space for local businesses and a 'makers space' for art and crafts.

The project was developed in close collaboration with Stirling Council and extensive consultations with local stakeholders. The building will incorporate renewable energy technology and energy efficient heating and lighting. The project is expected to be completed this summer.



Successful supplier events

hub East Central Scotland partnered with Supplier Development Programme, Fife Council and Perth & Kinross Council to deliver two successful Meet the Contractor events. The live virtual events gave local businesses the opportunity to talk to representatives from the Councils and hub, as well as Robertson Construction and BAM Construction to learn more about upcoming projects and opportunities for the supply chain.

Over 275 companies attended the events, which created a unique opportunity for companies to engage and benefit from advice on bidding for contracts.

The next event will be in person at the Carnegie Conference Centre in Dunfermline on **28th April**. Anyone interested in attending to find out more about contract opportunities for the £200 million Dunfermline Learning Campus can register at: www.sdpScotland.co.uk.