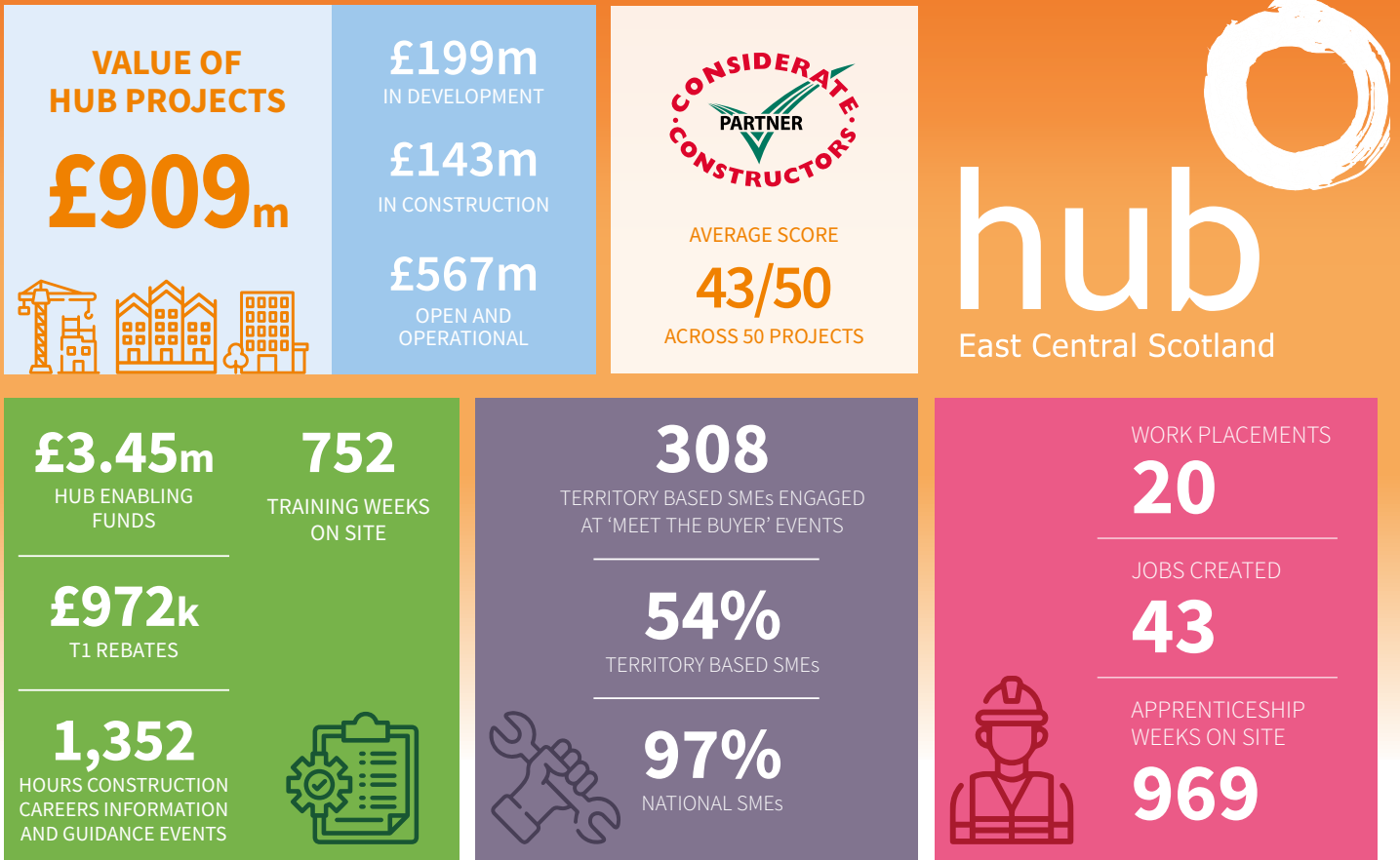


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Community infrastructure grows to £900m

The value of our projects has continued to grow steadily to £909 million, with £567 million open and serving communities and a further £143 million in construction. Beyond that, we have a solid programme of projects in development to the value of £199 million.

The benefits that hub brings to the community go far beyond the buildings that we deliver. Our projects deliver significant positive social impacts and community benefits. Our social value approach to projects boosts economic impact and sustainability in all the communities we serve. 54% of hub contracts were awarded to Scottish SMEs while our focus on local employment and developing skills through apprenticeships created 43 jobs. Our Participants recognise the value that we offer as a strategic development partner, bringing innovation, expertise and experience to ensure quality and delivery. They also benefit from our unique strategic development fund, which has now provided £3.45 million to support concept development and feasibility assessments which are critical to the successful initiation of projects.

Chair steps down



Ian Mullen OBE, DL is to step down after undertaking the role of Independent Chairman and director of hub East Central Scotland since its inception in 2012.

He has supported the development of hub East Central in the creation of public infrastructure projects across the region, including schools, healthcare, social housing and community facilities with a current value of almost £1 billion. Hundreds of apprenticeships have also been created since hub was established.

Ian chaired the landmark discussions that resulted in the decision to develop a unique approach to the creation of enabling funds. Since 2013 £3.6 million has now been disbursed to public sector clients to facilitate a range of projects.

After 10 years in post, Ian has decided to resign his position with hub East Central Scotland to pursue other challenges.

The Board is grateful for his service and will appoint a successor in due course.



Scotland's biggest education project underway

Work is now well underway to build the new Dunfermline Learning Campus, replacing two high schools with a unique new campus built to Passivhaus standards. With an investment of £97.5 million, it is the biggest ever hub project in Scotland and the largest education infrastructure development in the country.

The development being built by BAM Construction and brings together St Columba's RC High School and Woodmill High School on a new campus that will accommodate 2,700 students when it is completed in 2024.

Meet the Buyer Scotland

The hub team will be taking part in this year's Meet the Buyer Scotland event in the Edinburgh International Conference Centre on 17th May. The free to attend event offers a unique opportunity for local businesses to meet with us to discuss contract opportunities and gain insight and advice on how to achieve success in tender submissions.



Hugh joins the team

Hugh Symon has joined the hub team as Project Manager having emigrated from Australia. Hugh brings over 15 years of experience working in the Melbourne construction industry, initially with a contractor on mainly public health and education projects before moving into a construction consultancy and working with private developers in the commercial and residential sectors.



Work underway on new Perth High School

The project to deliver a £65 million replacement for Perth high School successfully reached financial close at the start of this year with enabling works now starting on site. The new school will be built by Robertson Construction to Passivhaus standards.

The new school will incorporate a large open double-height theatre, breakout and dining areas, as well as an outdoors dining space. New sports pitches will be laid out on the northeast side of the site.

The new school will open in the summer of 2024.

Riverside Primary School on track



Work is progressing well on the new £20 million Riverside Primary School in Perth which is due to complete this year.

The new school, built by Robertson Construction, which replaces 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.