

spring 2024 news

VALUE OF HUB PROJECTS

£975m



£230m
IN DEVELOPMENT

£197m
IN CONSTRUCTION

£624m
OPEN AND OPERATIONAL



AVERAGE SCORE

43/50

ACROSS 50 PROJECTS



£3.45m

HUB ENABLING FUNDS

752

TRAINING WEEKS ON SITE

£972k

T1 REBATES

1,352

HOURS CONSTRUCTION CAREERS INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE EVENTS



308

TERRITORY BASED SMEs ENGAGED AT 'MEET THE BUYER' EVENTS

54%

TERRITORY BASED SMEs

97%

NATIONAL SMEs



WORK PLACEMENTS

20

JOBS CREATED

43

APPRENTICESHIP WEEKS ON SITE

969



New Chair

We were delighted to welcome Professor John Brown as new Chair at the end of 2023. Professor Brown has been Chair of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. He is a former Senior Civil Servant and is an advisor to the Scottish Government

on corporate governance. John is the author of the NHS Scotland Blueprint for Good Governance and is a Senior Faculty Member of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh's Quality Governance Collaborative.

John is an MBA qualified Chartered Management Accountant with over 30 years' experience of leading large customer facing organisations through transformational change. He has an extensive track record of working with key stakeholders to create a shared vision and realise the organisation's full potential. In 2010, John was awarded a CBE in recognition of his contribution to improving leadership in the public sector.

£5,000 in Jim's Memory

The team raised £5,000 for the Intensive Care Unit at Forth Valley Royal Hospital in memory of our colleague, Jim Allan, who passed away suddenly in June last year.

They arranged a raffle with prizes donated from supply chain partners, ranging from Spa hotel stays, restaurant dinners to luxury food goods and golf.

Jim was a much loved and valued colleague in the team and is dearly missed by everyone. He was liked and respected across the sector, which is reflected in the amazing prizes that were donated. Our thanks to all who donated prizes.





New Learning Campus Nearing Completion

The new Dunfermline Learning Campus is on track to be completed later this year. The £112 million campus is the largest education infrastructure project in Scotland. It is 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.

Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Jenny Gilruth, laid a cement plinth to mark the topping out of the building.



Work starts on Blairgowrie Rec

BAM has started construction on the new £36 million Blairgowrie Recreation Centre, replacing the current 41-year-old building.

It will comprise of both a large four-court sports hall and a smaller two-court sports hall/gymnasium, a six-lane 25m swimming pool, fitness gym, studio space and changing facilities, as well as other ancillary spaces and an external all-weather pitch.

The new facility will open at the end of this year.

Funding Innovation

Our Strategic Development Programme enables the vital early work required to take projects from initial concepts to real project opportunities that will ultimately create sustainable high-quality facilities, meeting the needs of the communities they serve.

Last year we invested over £150,000 in the strategic development programme to support Participants in the creation of new projects.

This important funding will ultimately support the successful completion of new schools, community hubs and cultural venues.



Wellbeing Hub plans move forward

A project team has been selected to design and build a new state of the art Wellbeing Hub alongside a new Lochies school for children and young people with complex needs in Alloa.

The flagship facility will offer accessible sport, health, learning and development and leisure opportunities, providing a space where the local community and visitors can connect with each other and to the surrounding outdoor environment.

The project is managed for Clackmannanshire Council by hub East Central Scotland with principal contractor Robertson Construction, jmachitects, Blyth & Blyth civil and structural engineers and Baker Hicks mechanical and electrical engineers.

Helping Hands for Moncrieff

As part of our Helping Hands programme the team worked with Robertson Construction to deliver £23,000 refurbishment to Moncrieff Community Centre which focussed on upgrading the kitchen facilities to allow for varied use that would allow more events to be held in the hall. New kitchen, appliances, microwave and LED lighting were fitted in main hall, kitchen and small hall and painted throughout. The facility can now cater to a much wider range of events such as birthday parties and pop-up cafes, with the ability to prepare full hot meals. It will encourage greater integration with the community, unlocking the potential for many other events, and has already seen a 30% uplift in bookings from the refurbishment.



Award recognition for Riverside Primary

Riverside Primary School in Perth, which was handed over to Perth and Kinross Council in 2023, won a prestigious award for its innovative and environmentally friendly design.

The school won the Innovation in Delivering a Sustainable Learning Place at the Learning Places Scotland Awards which recognise excellence in Scotland's learning estate.

The new school replaced North Muirton and Ballhouse Primary Schools with a capacity for 500 pupils.

Perth High School on track

Construction of the new £80 million Perth High School continues to progress well and is on track for handover in 2025.

The school is being built by Robertson Construction to Passivhaus standards and will accommodate up to 1600 pupils and 140 staff over 3 storeys. It is being built on the site of the existing school, which will be demolished to provide a 3G sports pitch.