

PFI DATA SHEET

BALFRON HIGH SCHOOL PFI PROJECT



Background

Stirling Council's objectives were to:

- replace the existing unsatisfactory Balfron High School building with a new school based on a sound curriculum model and ecological principles;
- provide access to local communities to sports, leisure recreational and educational facilities in accordance with Stirling Council's charging policy.

The School roll was 823. The new facilities are capable of accommodating 920 students, which will cater for increased roll projections. The current teaching staff complement is sixty-one. There are in the region of 30 support staff (21 catering, cleaning and janitorial staff will transfer to ProjectCo on commencement of services). The salaries, benefits and conditions of the staff transferring have been protected for a period of sixty months.

In October 1997 a dedicated project team was set up to deliver the project, which was advertised in the Official Journal of the European Community (OJEC) in April 1998. Following the Scottish Executive commitment to indicative Level Playing Field Support for the Project in November 1998, the Invitation to Negotiate was issued to three short-listed bidders. After evaluation of bids in April and May 1999, two groups were invited to submit Best and Final Offers (BAFO) by July 1999. From this assessment, Jarvis Projects were selected in September

1999 as preferred bidder. The PFI contract was signed with Jarvis in early March 2000. Within a very short

period Jarvis Construction was progressing very smoothly and the new facilities were expected to be fully operational by the scheduled services commencement date of 15 August 2001.

Key Features and Benefits

Financial Close was reached on 17 March 2000. Services at the new facility commenced on 15 August 2001.

The following benefits are available at the new building:

- A new build based on curriculum model approximately 50% larger than current premises
- Learning and Teaching areas significantly larger than current premises
- An atrium to contribute to the development of school ethos
- Minimal corridor space to promote good circulation
- Extensive multi-purpose areas to facilitate interdepartmental collaboration and independent learning
- An Arts Studio for school and community use
- Swimming Pool, gymnasium, fitness suite, floodlit artificial grass pitch
- Collaboration with local FE college to provide adult learning facilities
- Staff transfer under comparability of salaries, benefits and conditions for 60 months
- Ultimately with the provision of nursery facilities, a community learning and leisure campus for the Western Rural Area of Stirlingshire.

Facts

Sponsor: Stirling Council

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Project Co: Balfron School Services, a subsidiary of Jarvis (UK) plc

Capital Value: £16.50M

Contract Length: 25 years

Financing: Barclay's Bank



Advisers to the Council

Technical: Mackenzie Partnership
Financial: PricewaterhouseCoopers
Legal: Dundas & Wilson WS

Status:- Operational