

**GLASGOW SCHOOLS PROJECT**



**Background**

In 1997, The Directors of Education Services and Financial Services submitted a joint report on a feasibility study for a PFI project in education. In February 1998, Glasgow City Council decided to reduce its secondary school estate from 38 to 29 secondary schools, reinvest the savings and prepared an Outline Business Case to assess the affordability and value for money of a public private partnership for the modernisation of its secondary school estate. Subsequent developments relating to the modernisation of Glasgow secondary schools buildings and the introduction of an ICT programme were based on this Council strategy.

In August 1998, four consortia were shortlisted and in November 1999 the 3ED Consortium were selected as the preferred bidder to provide accommodation services for 30 years and ICT services for 12 years. This agreement was titled Project 2002, the year when all of the work (with the exception of one school) was completed.

**Features and Benefits**

To help meet the challenge of the future, Project 2002, the biggest Private Public Partnership in the UK education sector, creating a stimulating and supportive

learning environment in all of the City's 29 secondary schools and one primary/pre 5 school.

The City's schools are better placed to actively support learning by young people - driven by a fundamental ethos based on the principle of *learners actively learning*. Project 2002 Schools is about:

- Creating a learning environment where young people can achieve their full potential
- The development of basic core skills with assistance from new technology
- Development of core ICT skills by all young people
- Access to the best of current information to support resource based / self-directed learning via the Internet
- Supporting the full implementation of the 5 - 14 programme in first / second year along with the Higher Still Programme

Project 2002 provides the quality working environments and access to world class IT enabling pupils and teachers to work together, productively and efficiently, to raise standards and maximise the individual potential of every participant.

**Sponsor:** Glasgow City Council  
**Contact:** John Curley  
**Consortium:** 3ED (Miller Group Limited, Amey Ventures Ltd Halifax Projects Investments Limited)  
**Capital Cost:** £225m  
**Contract Length:** 30 years  
**ICT Services:** 12 years  
**Advisers to Glasgow City Council**  
**Project Managers:** Council Project Team



**External Advisers:**

PricewaterhouseCoopers, Dundas &  
Wilson , Turner & Townsend

**Status:** Operational

