

SFT Outcomes

Demonstrating progress with impact



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We have a clear picture of
Scotland's future economic
and social infrastructure
needs

Learning Estate Strategy

Holistic approach to learning estate puts place principle at core

Scottish Government has an ambition of expanding opportunities for everyone in Scotland to succeed, and lifelong learning is a key strategic vision in helping children, young people and learners of all ages reach their full potential.

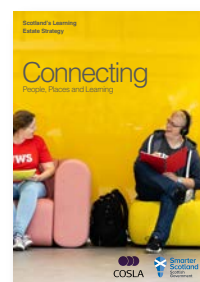
The buildings that are used play a vital role in supporting this ambition where Scottish Government and local authorities have, since 2007, invested around £5bn improving Scotland's learning estate.

In 2018, Scottish Government set out its intention to jointly publish a Learning Estate Strategy, coproduced with COSLA and partners, to set out a joint vision for the learning estate of the future.

Through its role in managing the £1.8bn Scotland's Schools for the Future programme to deliver 117 schools across Scotland, the Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) was invited to take part and to share lessons learned from the Schools for the Future programme to inform the new strategy.

SFT worked in partnership with Scottish and Local Government colleagues to foster collaboration in the production of the Learning Estate Strategy. This included ensuring all relevant stakeholders were aware of the new Strategy and had the opportunity to feed in to ensure that other Scottish Government policy areas were embedded within the Strategy and its guiding principles which would then apply to all learning estate facilities in Scotland.

SFT's Education team also ensured other principles that SFT colleagues had been working on and promoting, such as the place principle, were central to the development of the Strategy.



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The new and updated Learning Estate Strategy was published by Scottish Government and COSLA in September 2019, the principles of which forms the backbone of the Learning Estate Investment Programme that encourages a holistic approach to be taken to all stages of the learning and wider public sector estate with the place principle at its core.

Through timely communication and engagement with local authorities, the principles in the Strategy are already being embedded within current learning estate investment and were central to the development of the Learning Estate Investment Programme targets, metrics and outcomes particularly in relation to:

- Whole life asset maintenance
- Energy efficiency
- Digital enablement
- Economic growth

SFT will continue to manage the Learning Estate Investment Programme and support collaboration between all stakeholders within SFT workstreams, across local authorities and in the designer and construction industries.

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