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Infrastructure investment is sustainable and affordable with an increased use of innovative funding and financing approaches

Learning Estate Investment Programme

Development of new outcomes-based approach to deliver new projects across the learning estate

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

In 2018, the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, John Swinney, announced the launch of a joint Scottish Government and COSLA Learning Estate Strategy as well as funding to support the delivery of £2bn of investment in the learning estate.

And in September 2019, Scottish Government & COSLA published the new Learning Estate Strategy, announced in tandem with the first phase of projects to benefit from funding through the Learning Estate Investment Programme (LEIP).

Following the Scottish Futures Trust's (SFT) management of the 117 projects in the £1.8bn Scotland's Schools for the Future programme, SFT was asked to develop an outcomes-based approach that would support the LEIP.

The approach that has been developed by SFT has been approved by COSLA, Scottish Government and local authority representatives, with funding dependent on achieving the following outcomes:

- New schools are built to a high quality and are maintained and kept in excellent or good condition for 25 years
- In building the schools, construction firms create and support new jobs
- Ambitious energy efficiency targets are achieved over 25 years
- Schools are capable of supporting digital speeds of 1 gigabit per second to support digitally-enabled learning and advancements in technology



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These outcomes are aligned to the principles of the Learning Estate Strategy as well as other Scottish Government policies, including the drive towards net zero carbon, the National Infrastructure Mission and the National Performance Framework.

Pupils, parents, teachers and local communities in eleven urban, rural, mainland and island council areas will benefit from this new outcomes-based Learning Estate Investment Programme, as part of the first phase.

Construction is anticipated to start in 2021 on the first projects and will see world-class learning environments created, supporting the future educational needs of learners as well as providing vibrant community facilities for everyone to enjoy.

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