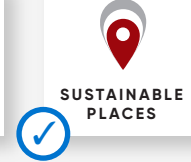


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SFT Outcomes 2021/22

Demonstrating progress with impact

PRIMARY OUTCOME

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SECONDARY OUTCOMES

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PPP schools to be handed back in good order

It was in the early 1990s when the UK Government introduced Public Private Partnerships (PPPs). Through partnership with the private sector, PPPs allow for the delivery of public services from modern facilities which are built and then maintained, usually for a period of 25 years, by the private sector.

For over ten years, SFT's Operational Contract Management (OCM) team has offered and provided support to public bodies on their operational PPP projects which in many cases has led to improved public service delivery and financial savings.

With many of the early PPP projects now coming to the end of their 20 plus year contracts, the focus of the OCM Team is to ensure the PPP buildings are handed back to the public body in the condition that the contract specifies.

Over the past 12 months, the OCM Team has worked with Falkirk Council on the PPP 'handback' of a large school estate covering five schools - Larbert High School, Braes High School, Graeme High School, Carronrange and Bo'ness Academy.

The Team's goal was to ensure that all parties understood and were committed to achieving the required physical condition of the schools at the end of the contract.

In order to assist in achieving specific handback requirements, condition surveys were undertaken to ascertain current compliance with contract requirements and to highlight any shortcomings.

The survey reports were then used to agree a programme of works to bring the schools up to the contractual standard.

The OCM team provided support to Falkirk Council in scoping, procuring and undertaking the condition surveys.

Prior to processing the appointment of a surveying company, the OCM Team visited the schools to assess their general condition and to establish if any specific areas should be given extra focus during the surveys.

The OCM team then met with the surveyors at the commencement of the surveys to ensure that relevant contractual standards were being measured against.

Post-survey, support is now being provided to Falkirk Council as it works closely with its private sector partner to ensure the delivery of the necessary improvements as highlighted in the condition reports.

SFT's ongoing role will also involve focus on introducing boiler room replacements that will contribute towards the path to net zero.

The survey reports provided a detailed analysis of works that were required to be undertaken immediately to bring the schools back up to the contractual standard.

Importantly, they provided the necessary detail to enable the authority to open detailed dialogue with the private sector partner which is essential in achieving the volume of works to be completed within the limited timeframe available.