



SFT Outcomes 2021/22

Demonstrating progress with impact

PRIMARY OUTCOME

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PROGRAMME AND PROJECT PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY IS EFFECTIVE, WITH HIGHLY SKILLED TEAMS DEPLOYED WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED



Imaginative approach to deliver early learning programme

In 2015, Scottish Government committed to almost double the funded entitlement to early learning and childcare (ELC) from 600 to 1,140 hours from August 2020 for all three and four year olds and eligible two year olds. Due to the pandemic, August 2021 was set as the revised delivery date.

Since 2016, SFT's Learning Estate Team has been working with Scottish Government and all 32 local authorities to support the development of local ELC expansion plans and the infrastructure needed to support the programme.

Such was the size of the ELC programme that it comprised around 900 projects, the vast majority of which were either property refurbishments or building extensions, thereby maximising the use of existing assets.

Two ELC projects, a former nightclub in South Lanarkshire and a predominantly outdoor learning centre in East Dunbartonshire, demonstrate the wide range of approaches taken across the programme to meet needs and deliver improved outcomes for the communities they serve and can be viewed by clicking the links below:

- [Rooftop ELC in South Lanarkshire](#)
- [Oakburn Early Years Centre in East Dunbartonshire](#)

Delivering sustainable places, meeting net zero ambitions and driving inclusive growth, for example, through re-purposing of existing assets and using the outdoors for learning are all showcased in these case studies.

