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The Sheffield BSF programme is worth more than £300 million. As well as construction activity it also involves the provision of new ICT hardware and infrastructure worth more than £30 million.

The programme will not be completed until 2014 and will involve 20 schools being refurbished or rebuilt as well as 10 schools receiving new ICT infrastructure only.

31st July 2008 will represent the first anniversary of the BSF contract signature for Taylor Woodrow in Sheffield.

As part of this contract signature, Sheffield LEP, a public private partnership company, was established between Sheffield City Council, Taylor Woodrow, HSBC and the government (BSFi).

Existing Projects

The current live projects consist of 3 projects:

Yewlands - a £16m design and build school, north of the city, due for first phase completion in September 08 and final completion in September 09.

Newfield Talbot - a £36m PFI project towards the south of the city consisting of a secondary school and a special school co-located on one site. It is due for first phase completion in January 09 and final completion in September 09.

Silverdale - a £28m PFI secondary school in the west of the city due for first phase completion in January 09 and final completion in September 09.

All three schools, known collectively as the Phase 1a schools, have suffered minor delays in their construction programme, but it is still anticipated that they will all achieve first phase completion and pupil decant on time.

New Projects

Schools within the programme are referred to as phase 1 or 2 schools. Phase 1a schools are the existing projects currently under construction plus four Phase 1b schools currently being designed:

High Storrs - £25 m project to refurbish a grade two listed building.

PLC's - £5m project to refurbish and rebuild the two old pupil referral units in the city on one site.

Seven Hills - £10m project to rebuild and refurbish the special educational needs school on the site of, and in conjunction with, substantial refurbishment works at All Saints.

Firth Park - £4m project including Sports Hall and miscellaneous works.

Schools under design in the BSF programme pass through common stages taking a total of approximately 18 months:

Pre-stage 1 - development of school vision and outline design (approx 6 months)

Stage 1 - further design, fixing scope and price (approx six months)

Stage 2 - final design, planning and enter contract (approx six months).



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Sheffield LEP

The LEP has a ten year exclusivity contract for BSF work on the secondary estate, subject to satisfactory performance.

A key role of the LEP will be to provide, integrate and manage supply chains and downstream contracts on behalf of SCC, as well as provide the management for Paradigm, the SPV company set up for the first two PFI schools

The LEP consists of 5 staff:

Colin Beresford - TW
General Manager
Mervyn Cooper - TW
Construction Agent
Andy Duck - CORLA
Operations Manager
Dan Ladbury - Mott MacDonald
New Projects Manager
Chris Brook - CORLA
Finance Manager

Taylor Woodrow

Taylor Woodrow is the LEP's key supply chain partner. We are currently busy establishing a more local, permanent, but flexible structure in Sheffield. It is anticipated that as projects mature, site teams will flex and elements may be called upon to assist the central team in the Stage 2 phase of new project development.

The Taylor Woodrow local leadership team consists of:

Jeff Peace - New Project Director
Dave Murphy - Production Director
Steve Horton - Area Commercial Manager
Colin Beresford from the LEP

Outline Business Case (OBC2)

In Phase 2 of the programme there will be 12 schools rebuilt or refurbished plus another 10 schools that will receive new ICT infrastructure and some minor works associated with accommodating this new infrastructure.

Whilst the funding for these schools is agreed in principle, the LEP is assisting Sheffield to prepare its outline business case (OBC2) to the government so that school specific allocations can be made and the detailed design of these schools can progress beyond pre-stage 1.

OBC 2 was due to be submitted this month and the phase 2 schools were being split into three phases a, b and c depending on their construction date. The phase 2a schools were already towards the end of pre-stage 1 of design as part of this submission.

Unfortunately this submission is now subject to a three month delay whilst SCC, on behalf of councillors, analyse the rationale and strategy behind the forward build program. Their specific focus is on the merits of retaining Myers Grove and Wisewood as separate schools rather than merging them on to one site as per the original submission proposal.

This delay does not impact immediately on the construction program in 09, which will be around completing the existing live projects and commencing construction of Phase 1b.

Who is who?

Working with Taylor Woodrow there are number of key supply chain partners who are integral to the scheme's success:

Civica - a key supply chain partner of Sheffield LEP. As well as providing new ICT hardware they have designed and developed a new virtual learning environment and managed service which is to be adopted city wide in all schools.

HLM/BDP - Both local architects alternate on leading the design of projects. Of the new projects in progress BDP are leading on High Storrs, which is due to commence in January 09.

Rotary NW - are Taylor Woodrow's key supply chain partner for M&E services. They are based in the Omnia offices in Sheffield, now on the 8th floor.

Mott MacDonald – working locally they are leading on both structural and M&E design. They have led the LEP and Taylor Woodrow's technical input into OBC2 on behalf of SCC and provide resources for the LEP.

EC Harris - both cost consultants and independent certifiers they are assisting both in the affordability issues around new projects as well helping assess our performance out on site.

Corla - supply staff and resources to assist with the day to day management and finances of the LEP and Paradigm, specialising in the management of PFI's.

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