



SFT build

Positive Impacts
2016



Commitment to creating
brighter futures

The Scotland-wide hub initiative which is led by SFT, reflects a national approach for the delivery of new community infrastructure. In essence, hub brings all Scotland's councils, NHS boards, and numerous other public bodies together, places them into five geographical sectors and appoints a private sector development partner to deliver best value when building new community facilities.

For hub East Central, BAM Construction is the main private sector development partner and was appointed, due in part, to its pledge of employing local SMEs on its sites as well as its commitment to supporting construction apprenticeships and creating training opportunities.

Illustrating that commitment, Laura Wilson who previously was a site administration assistant on a hub site was invited by BAM to become a trainee site manager after demonstrating an eagerness to learn and showing real zeal for the construction industry.

Over the past two years, BAM put her through college and is now funding her studies for a BA Hons degree in Construction and Project Management at Napier University in Edinburgh, which Laura will complete over the next five years as she continues to work on construction projects delivered through the hub programme.

Due to the constant flow of public sector construction projects coming through the hub pipeline, this provides construction firms of all sizes with greater clarity and certainty of future work. In turn this is helping firms retain their skilled workforces and allows for greater levels of investment to be made in future training and apprenticeship opportunities.



£1.8bn

hub programme currently
valued at £1.9bn



Over 110 new graduate
places created

500 apprenticeship and
trainee places secured



80% of contracts
awarded to SMEs



£300m

£300m of design, build,
finance and maintain projects
started construction in first
three months of 2016