

Lancashire Building Schools for the Future Programme (BSF) Lancashire, United Kingdom



Client

Lancashire County Council (LCC)

Project Company

Catalyst Education Lancashire

Construction Value

£256 million

Project Schedule

Financial Close	Phase 1: Dec 2006
Financial Close	Phase 2: Dec 2007
Financial Close	Phase 2a: Jul 2008
Financial Close	Phase 3: Jun 2009
Construction	Aug 2006 – Sept 2010
Mobilisation	Phased to Sept 2010
Concession period	25 years



Lend Lease Involvement

Building Contractor - Bovis Lend Lease
Facilities Management - Vita Lend Lease
ICT Managed Service - Lend Lease ICT

Architects

Capita, Ellis Williams and
Bradshaw Gass and Hope

Local Education Partnership (LEP)

East Lancashire LEP Company Ltd

Highlights

Building Schools for the Future (BSF) is the largest single schools capital investment programme in England for over 50 years.

In 2007 Catalyst Lend Lease formed a Local Education Partnership (LEP) with Lancashire County Council to deliver the council's BSF programme in East Lancashire. Currently, the LEP has 10-year exclusivity for these BSF projects, subject to meeting strict performance criteria. Other social infrastructure projects can also be procured through the LEP.

Teachers, parents and students have all been involved in the design and development plans for the new schools which will also serve as focal points for local communities.

Scope

The first "wave" of the building programme involves three phases and 14 schools in and around Burnley and Nelson.

The first phase, comprising seven schools, opened to students in September 2008. These schools are built on three sites: Burnley Campus (sixth form college, primary school, primary special school, nursery school, public library and faith centre) and Pendle Vale (Pendle Vale

College and Pendle Vale Community High School and College) and Shuttleworth College.

Phase 2 schools – Burnley's Sir John Thursby Community College and Ridgewood Community High School - opened in September 2009. Phase 2A schools are Marsden Heights Community College, Pendle (April 2010) and Unity College, Burnley (September 2010).

Works is also progressing well on the Phase 3 schools, Hambledon Community College, The Rose School and Blessed Trinity Roman Catholic College. All of them are located in Burnley and all of them open in September 2010.

In addition, the LEP is refurbishing and extending Accrington Academy in Accrington and the Academy for North Preston.

Leadership in Sustainability

Sustainability is a key element of the BSF programme, both in the environmental credentials of new schools and through the creation of a local skills legacy, led by Catalyst Lend Lease and the many contractors and suppliers working in the BSF supply chain.

All the schools will be equipped with carbon neutral biomass boilers and energy saving measures such as wind turbines, solar collectors and photovoltaic cells, together with rainwater harvesting to reduce water consumption.

In the first two years of the skills legacy scheme 44 new jobs have been created for local school leavers and young people, working with companies building the new



schools. Over £40 million of contracts have already been placed with Lancashire firms, helping to generate new wealth and employment opportunities in the area.

Catalyst Lend Lease and its contractors also mentor local students. In the last two years almost 400 hours of mentoring services have been provided to 12 local schools, together with careers evenings where local businesses are invited to talk about future employment opportunities.