



DORSET
Local Enterprise Partnership

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Getting Building Fund

Higher Education Centre

End of Project Report

PROJECT SUMMARY

- *Provide a summary of the completed project*

Weymouth College refurbishment of Higher Education Centre (Sandsfoot building)

- *What were the aims the project set out to achieve and were these achieved?*

Complete redesign and refurbish of ground floor (study / ICT room and office) and two first floor classrooms and offices

- *How does it fit with wider programme (if applicable)?*

The College works in partnership with Plymouth University to offer HE courses for students in Weymouth and south west Dorset.

- *What were the programme objectives and were these achieved?*

2021/22 HE learner enrolment is slightly higher than 2020/21.

Project start date	Feb 2021
Project construction start date	June 2021
Project completion date	Project financial completion (GBF funding fully spent): June 2021. Project operational completion: March 2022.

OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES:

What are Outputs?

Outputs are the physical and direct result of the project. What did the project buy? These can be buildings built, length of road constructed, equipment procured, etc.

Internal building modifications – supplies, new glazing, door, flooring	£131,000
ICT	£70,000
Furniture for all HE rooms	£48,000
Legal fees	£1,000
TOTAL	£250,000

On all Growth Deal projects, all outputs must be delivered by March 2021, as stated in the Grant Agreement.

What are Outcomes?

Outcomes are the changes caused as a result of a project. These are more likely long term and achieved after a project closure. In our reporting guidelines, these are referred to in terms of jobs, apprenticeships, land unlocked, number of new learners assisted, etc.

Outcomes will be reported by all Growth Deal projects until 2025.

How to complete this section:

Outputs:

- Please state the outputs that have been created as a result of this project.

Increased capacity for Higher Education curriculum delivery from 2021/22 academic year. Significant improvement in HE Centre decoration, facilities and learning environment.

- Provide supporting before and after images associated with the completion of the project.

Photos below.

- Reference any associated press with the completion of the project.

The launch event has been postponed due to COVID19 and national issue with supply of glass – LEP colleagues and other stakeholders will be invited to the launch.

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Outcomes:

- Review the table of agreed outcomes including forecast and evaluate which outcomes have been completed so far, is the forecast still on track and are there any of the original outcomes that will not be realised by 2025?

No changes to report on outcomes as evaluation is too soon, so close after project completion, start of College academic year.

- Evaluate the success of outcomes associated with completion of the project. This involves providing evidence to support outcome generation.

As above, it is too early to report on student growth – suggest review undertaken this Autumn.

- Please state the type of evidence that you will submit on an annual basis to support your projections. The type of evidence that can be used is detailed in Annex A of the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan.

HE student growth from FE learners at Weymouth College and from other post 16 providers. Further development of HE courses to meet local skills need.

BENEFITS REALISED TO DATE

- What benefits have been realised through the delivery of the project?

Improved teaching space for all HE learners.

- Benefits realised refer to the wider impact as a result of the outputs and outcomes.

Staff satisfaction with new working environment, updated ICT equipment.

Aspirational working / teaching environment for FE learners wishing to progress to HE at Weymouth College.

FINANCES

- *Please state the original budget awarded versus the actual spend.*

Original budget £250k v actual spend of £273k. Weymouth College match funded £23k towards this project.

LESSONS LEARNT

- *What did the delivery partner learn from the delivery of the project? What would you do differently next time?*

This is a difficult question in the context of BREXIT and COVID19 impact and typical College project delivery during holiday / non-term time with some risks out of the control of the College and appointed contractor.

- *What were the major risks & issues and how were they mitigated?*

Major risks were supply of materials and delay to project.

SUCCESS STORY

- *Please provide a summary looking at how the project has achieved its wider aims and objectives whilst contributing to a wider impact. Please provide any photos that could help to tell the story.*

The £250k LEP investment has enabled the College to deliver a state of the art University Centre that will provide outstanding study rooms and ICT facilities for +120 HE learners with the College continuing to increase its HE degree offer and student cohort for Weymouth and South West Dorset.

- *Has the project resulted in the formation of any collaboration or other partnerships?*

No

- *Has the project enabled investment into the organisation or local area?*

Yes



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