



DORSET
Local Enterprise Partnership

Workstations

End of Project Report

28th February 2021

PROJECT SUMMARY

- Purchase and installation of:
 - 446 student and 61 staff laptops
 - 80 PCs with a higher specification intended for use in the College's HE provision for CGI courses.
- Ensure that students and staff had suitable resources to compliment digital learning at our Lansdowne, North Road and Fulcrum campuses.
- Provided resources to support the online delivery of teaching and learning.
- Augmented the software resources already available in our IT Suites
- Enabled students to develop flexible skills that they will utilise in their workplace

Project start date	28th September 2020
Project construction start date	Not applicable
Project completion date	28th February 2021

CHANGE REQUEST

- *No change requests were submitted.*

OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES:

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The project purchased 507 laptops and 8- high specification PCs, these were delivered between October and December 2020 and installed between October 2020 and February 2021.

OUTCOMES

The agreed outcomes forecast that, following completion of this project, the following outcomes will be realised:

- Allow BPC to renew its Cyber Essentials certification, and to obtain the Cyber Essential Plus certification, through removal of the Windows 7 operating system by August 2021.
- 4540 students will benefit in their education and training:

Student Cohort	Students
16-18 students	1,800
Apprentices	1,000
HE Students	240
Adult Students	500
Full Cost Students	1,000

- 61 staff will benefit from the improved performance of their hardware.

While the College was closed during the latest lockdown students were unable to use the equipment as their learning was being delivered remotely due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

However, from the 8th March some students will benefit from these resources for the remainder of the 20/21 academic year. The College will monitor usage from the beginning of the 2021/22 academic year.

Marketing/promotional statement

The College produced and issued an initial press briefing, when the project was confirmed, and produced a marketing plan for future activities. This plan was suspended due to Covid-19.

While the continued effects of Covid-19 prevents BPC holding an on-site launch event, we are instead preparing a promotional video of the new facilities and planning a launch during Love Your Colleges week commencing 19th October 2020.

The College will be using this material on the Innovation day, Wednesday 21st October and at the same time release the video to the local media and local media based employers. We will also liaise with Dorset LEP prior to the event to share the materials with them and check suitability.

What are Outcomes?

BENEFITS REALISED TO DATE

- The introduction of these resources for students and staff will not only improve the quality of work, but also their experience and will contribute toward their employability and productivity.

FINANCES

- The original budget awarded was £476,550 and the actual spend was £476,652
- There was no additional matched funding from other sources.

LESSONS LEARNT

- The project was delivered on time and within budget
- The risk register for this project included:
 - Fluctuations in exchange rates - at the time of procurement there were no adverse fluctuations.
 - Supply chain risk due to COVID 19 - at the time an order was placed there were sufficient stock and components available within the supply chain to fulfil the orders.
 - Robust installation process - Our own experienced in-house resources ensure a timely installation.
 - Availability of technical support staff due to Covid-19 closure or isolation - during the installation phase BPC were able to allocate sufficient resources to complete the installation 1 month earlier than planned.

SUCCESS STORY

- The equipment is a great addition to College resources, replacing equipment which was no longer fit for purpose and did not provide the same level of resources which students would get in their employment settings. The provision of these resources will:
 - Improve the quality of resources used by students and staff.
 - Provide for a flexible approach to the use of IT resources
 - Support online delivery of teaching and learning.
 - Enable students to develop flexible skills that they will utilise in their workplace

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