



DORSET
Local Enterprise Partnership

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Local Growth Fund (LGF)

Weymouth College Engineering Centre of
Excellence

End of Project Report

PROJECT SUMMARY

- The Weymouth College Engineering Centre of Excellence project has relocated the Engineering team to a larger teaching space in College and the supply of new Engineering equipment to the value of £695,000.
- The aims of this project were to recognise and meet the growing demand for Engineering courses at 16-19 full time and Apprenticeship level and liaison with the business community for engineering related jobs.
- The College works with local business and SMEs through the Apprenticeship and Employability Services team and this project supports this liaison already in place.

Project start date	November 2019
Project construction start date	N/a
Project completion date	March 2021

CHANGE REQUEST

Change request followed the additional funding of £90k in the Spring 2021 which enabled additional ICT and Engineering equipment.

OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES

- Fully resourced Engineering suite for all L3 and L4 courses.
- The student number growth 16-19 full time courses and Apprenticeship new starts

INDICATORS	OUTCOMES TO DATE	FORECAST OUTCOMES				TOTAL
	FY 2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	
Jobs created	0	7	7	7	9	30
Jobs retained	0	7	7	7	9	30
New up-skilled jobs	0	5	5	5	5	20
New Apprenticeships	0	201	201	201	204	807
New full -time students	0	6	6	6	7	25
New businesses relocated to LEP region	0	2	2	2	4	10
New business start ups	0	2	2	2	4	10

BENEFITS REALISED TO DATE

- More effective teaching space and engineering equipment and ICT resources for all learners.
- Staff satisfaction with new working environment, improved ICT access, engagement with local engineering businesses (business breakfasts) to ensure this project meets the Engineering curriculum.
- Apprenticeships and employer resources.

FINANCES

- Original budget £695k versus actual spend of £695k
- No matched funding for this project.
- LEP provided additional £90k towards the initial £605k budget.
- £90k contributed to ICT infrastructure and additional engineering kit.

LESSONS LEARNT

- Robust Engineering plan for resources to fulfil this project – due to the financials of this project and meeting budget and timescales, no lessons learned.
- The majority of the Engineering kit was ordered and delivered during the Summer 2020 lockdown with good liaison between College finance team, Engineering team and suppliers.

SUCCESS STORY

- This project was delivered on time and within budget during challenging circumstances with COVID19 lockdown and potential BREXIT impact on supplies. Funds have enabled wide student access to Engineering resources including modified engineering equipment for students with Educational Health Care Plans. Photos to follow.
- The College actively works with local businesses and SMEs and through the Apprenticeship and Employability Services Team, further collaboration and partnership work is expected.
- Growth anticipated in curriculum through local, demographics will serve the College well with greater 16-19 and Apprenticeship investment which will in turn benefit the local area with young people, skilled and trained in engineering and welding trades for local businesses and SMEs.

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