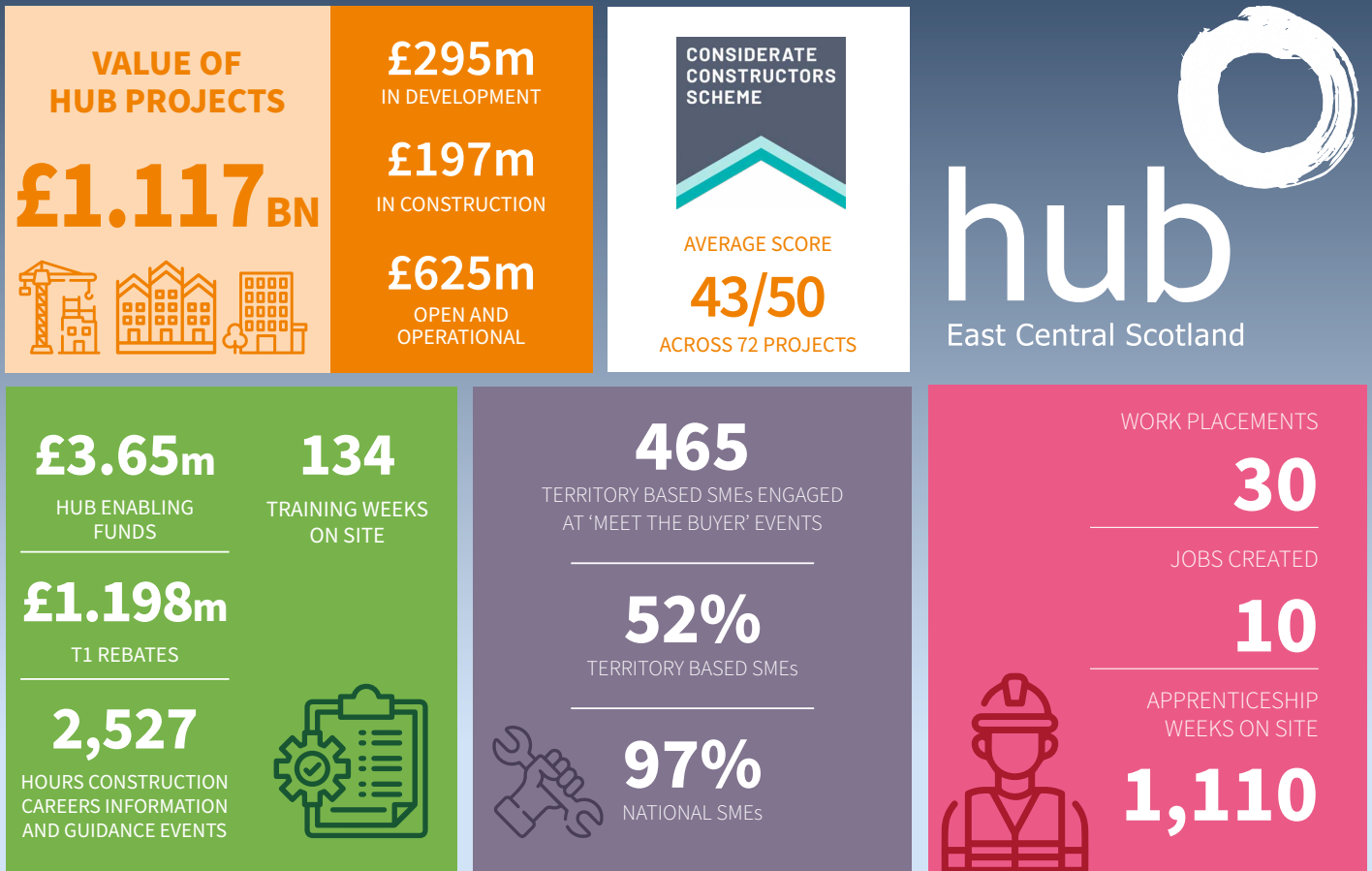


# SPRING 2025 NEWS



## Wellbeing Hub and school moves forward

The project to deliver Alloa Wellbeing Hub and Lochies School for Clackmannanshire Council took a major step forward after recently receiving planning approval.

This transformative project will offer a swimming pool, hydrotherapy pool, fitness suite and flexible community spaces, promoting inclusivity and active lifestyles for people of all ages. Alongside this will be a state of the art learning environment for Lochies School, supporting pupils with severe and complex needs.

The project is managed for Clackmannanshire Council by hub East Central Scotland with principal contractor Robertson Construction, jmarchitects, Blyth & Blyth civil and structural engineers and Baker Hicks mechanical and electrical engineers.



## New ASN Provision at Bannockburn

Construction works to deliver a new bespoke learning facility for young people with additional support needs is progressing on the grounds of Bannockburn High School.

Bluebell House will provide accommodation for up to 24 pupils and will be kitted out with classrooms, nature nooks, a sensory room and GP room, in addition to staff and administration facilities.

Ogilvie Construction began main works in October and the new building will be handed over this summer, following which work will start on a second phase that will double capacity to 48 pupils.



## First Minister visits Perth High School

First Minister, and MSP for Perthshire North, John Swinney paid a visit to the new Perth High school construction site to see for himself how well the project is progressing.

Robertson Construction Tayside is the main contractor on the project, which will deliver a new school for up to 1,600 pupils and 140 staff, built to Passivhaus standards.

The £80m project is a key element of the Council's programme to improve the learning estate and will be handed over later this year.

## Yvonne boosts project team



Yvonne Roddie has joined the hub team as a project manager, bringing 27 years' experience in the construction sector as a qualified architect and interior designer. She has a proven track record in delivering projects from inception to completion in both public and private sectors. Yvonne is a certified Passivhaus designer with a passion for sustainable design, Enerphit and Passivhaus solutions. Most recently, Yvonne worked with Perth & Kinross Council to develop their Net Zero Carbon New Build Housing Design Guide and was the project lead for a large-scale retrofit programme of 3,500 homes for Renfrewshire Council. She also designed and delivered the first BREEM 'Outstanding' Building in Scotland for the University of St Andrews.



## Official opening for Learning Campus

Pupils and staff at the new Dunfermline Learning Campus ended the year on a high when they welcomed Scotland's First Minister, John Swinney to officially open the £122m facility.

Designed by AHR and built to Passivhaus standards by BAM Construction, the new campus is home to Woodmill High School and St Columba's RC High School who are now collocated there alongside the new Fife College.

Accommodating a combined student roll of 2,500 is the largest education infrastructure in Scotland and creates a collaborative and inspirational environment, with flexible spaces to support new approaches to learning, including interdisciplinary learning, collaborative group work as well as paired and individual study.

## Build Fife returns

The Build Fife initiative, a partnership with Fife Council designed for construction and associated sector businesses in Fife, is back this year and has been running weekly since January. It aims to improve business capability, foster growth and help businesses build valuable relationships with Tier 1 and 2 contractors.

The programme includes hands-on sessions, expert guidance and Meet the Buyer events with industry leaders.



## Perth Museum is a winner

The project to regenerate the former city hall building into a vibrant Perth Museum was recognised at this year's Property Awards, winning the award for Small Regeneration Property of the Year.

The museum has welcomed over 200,000 visitors in less than a year since it opened and is a vital part of the local community bringing a positive impact to the city and attracting visitors from around the world.



## New south west Fife high school on track

The £88m project to deliver a new high school for Fife Council to replace Inverkeithing High School is progressing well since the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Jenny Gilruth was on hand for the groundbreaking in the summer.

The three-storey school is being built by BAM Construction to Passivhaus standards and will deliver capacity for around 1800 pupils, while reducing energy consumption by up to 75%. It is scheduled to open in 2026, and Fife Council is running a competition locally to choose a name for the school.