



COMMUNITY WEALTH TRANSFER

Stevenage Borough Council

Creating skills & employment opportunities for local people through collaboration & innovation

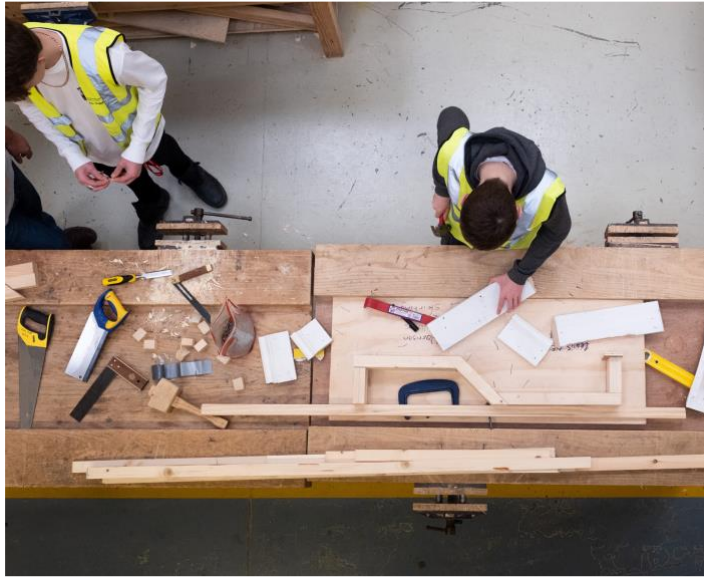
Summary

The council worked with a wide range of partners across the education, construction, and employment sectors to create a partnership aimed at ensuring local people directly benefit from skills and employment opportunities through the delivery of the council's £1bn regeneration programme and housing improvement programme.



Background

The council worked closely with key partners in North Hertfordshire College and Job Centre Plus to ensure that local people could benefit from the construction works going on in the town, from private regeneration schemes to Council-delivered housing improvement contracts. The partnership has evolved and formed strong relationships with active contractors and developers in the area, as well as public bodies such as Construction Industry Training Board (CITB). The partnership will ensure that on-site construction experience, apprenticeships and job opportunities are made available to local people as part of the council's community wealth building programme, which aims to ensure the benefits of local economic activity are captured and maximised.



Achievements to Date

- Developed a strong partnership and brand, forming relationships with key contractors, developers and employers
- Secured over £320k of funding from CITB to offer on-site construction placements as the construction hub for Hertfordshire
- Provided technical training to local people, including long-term unemployed residents
- Delivered on-site construction experience, where local people are able to learn and experience a live construction site
- Adopted the social value toolkit to ensure social benefits are captured and measured for key Council procurement projects
- Created a website and marketing materials, and recruited a dedicated Officer to act as a link between employers, training providers and referring bodies
- Launched an inclusive economy charter as part of the town's recovery from Covid-19

Next Steps

The programme will continue to increase its offer, with more local people provided with training and on-site construction experience. We will support people who go through the scheme with their career and connect them to job opportunities, and continue to maximise the benefits of regeneration for local people.



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