

Integration and Collaborative Working

Gloucestershire County Council Framework

(comprising EG Carter & Co Ltd , Kier Moss Ltd Speller Metcalfe Ltd, Gloucestershire County Council)

PVI Nurseries

E G Carter, Kier Moss and Speller Metcalfe are building contractors appointed under a framework to Gloucestershire County Council to provide construction projects over £250,000.

Three contractors were approached by client Gloucestershire County Council in July 2009. The Council had been awarded a grant to provide new PVI (Private, Voluntary and Independent) nurseries at 9 locations in Gloucestershire (each PVI cost approx £500,000).

A series of joint workshops were held with the three contractors, the architects and other consultants, to agree common ground on items such as insulation values, exterior treatment, commonality on sanitaryware, lighting, renewables and the like. The three contractors investigated joint purchasing for items such as flooring and sanitaryware to seek bulk buying savings.

All projects were started and completed to a programme allowing the County Council to claim their grant funding. These projects demonstrated collaborative working with three contractors, their design teams and the County Council all working together from inception to completion to successfully deliver these scheme on time, to the correct quality and on budget.

Consultation was undertaken with the end users and future running and maintenance were their biggest concern. All the nurseries were being provided by the County Council but were then to be handed over to a variety of groups to run as non profit organisations. It was therefore especially important that future running costs were minimised. The buildings were designed to have insulation values 20% greater than building regulations. Low maintenance and robust materials were also used.

Gloucestershire County Council have measured the KPIs for each of the schemes. These show high values for all the schemes and show continuous improvement over the course of the framework.



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