

Council signs £17m contract to rebuild Farnborough School

Financial close has been reached on the multi-million pound project which will rebuild Farnborough School and Technology College in Clifton.

Once staff and pupils have moved into the new building in September 2013, most of the existing school buildings will be demolished to make way for mini pitches and a flood-lit artificial pitch which will benefit the local community.

The rebuild project is being funded through the former Government's Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme and the construction work will be delivered by Nottingham's LEP, the award winning public private partnership between the City Council and Inspiredspaces, which has rebuilt or remodelled ten schools to date in Nottingham on time and within budget.

Councillor David Mellen, Nottingham City Council's Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, said: "The substantial investment in this school supports the Council's strategy to ensure that every child and young person has access to the very best facilities so that they can get the most out of their school life and have the best possible chance to reach their full potential.

"The investment will also have a positive impact on the local community surrounding the school by providing access to a wide range of facilities".

"A significant number of Nottingham's schools have been transformed as a result of BSF investment and it is disappointing that this will be the last school to benefit from the programme."

Mark Harding, General Manager of Nottingham's LEP, said: "We are extremely proud to have been involved in the renewal of many of Nottingham schools. This is the 17th scheme to reach financial close in just over four years which demonstrates the success of the partnership and its ability to work with stakeholders".

"We have designed the new school to meet the schools vision to enable them to teach and learn in a 21st century facility. The building will be constructed in controlled conditions off site, therefore improving the quality of the finished product, whilst the site is prepared. This innovative method of delivery means that the school is ready for occupation in 12 months which is approximately 6 months earlier than following a traditional route".

"We will work hard to ensure that as well as delivering a state of the art school, that this project boosts the city's economy by providing jobs, apprenticeships and work experience placements for local people."

Construction work is due to start later this month and will be completed in August 2013.

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Notes to editors:

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- In November 2004, Nottingham City Council was given the news that it would benefit from approximately £89 million in Wave 2 of the national BSF programme. This included the rebuilding of Farnborough School.
- Nottingham's LEP is a public private partnership between Nottingham City Council, Building Schools for the Future Investments and a private sector partner. In Nottingham, the private sector partner is *inspiredspaces* which brings Carillion as construction and facilities management services provider, together with Capita who provide ICT expertise. To find out more, visit www.nottinghamlep.co.uk

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