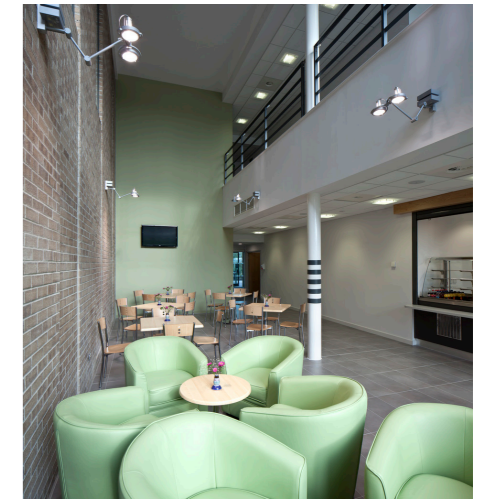


STRATEGIC COORDINATION CENTRE, CARMARTHENSHIRE



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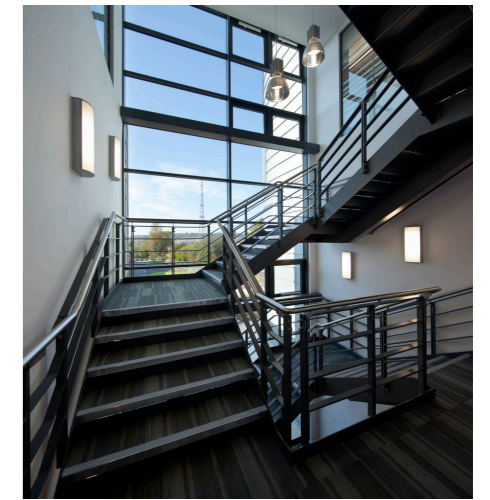
Perry Simpson, Capital Projects Manager, Dyfed Powys Police



LOCATION: LLANGUNNOR, CARMARTHENSHIRE
CLIENT: DYFED POWYS POLICE
VALUE: £6.4M
SIZE: 3300M²
COMPLETION: 2011
SERVICE: ARCHITECTURE
SECTOR: CIVIC
CONTRACTOR: WRW CONSTRUCTION
LANDSCAPE: MOTT MACDONALD
STRUCTURES: MOTT MACDONALD
SERVICES: MOTT MACDONLD
COST CONSULTANT: FRANKLIN & ANDREWS
AWARDS:
 2012 LABC CYMRU AWARDS - BEST SUSTAINABLE BUILDING AND BEST COMMERCIAL BUILDING OVER £5M;

Austin-Smith:Lord was commissioned under the Buying Solutions Framework as Lead Consultant for the new Strategic Coordination Centre (SCC) for Dyfed Powys Police. SCC is a signal of Wales' intent to provide a 'modern' emergency service to the community and to protect the public in situations of civil emergencies or major incidents.

A full planning application was submitted in December 2009, 7 weeks from inception. Detailed design and production information was produced in parallel with the planning process, with approval being obtained in March 2010, enabling construction to commence in April 2010. The project was completed in Summer 2011.



The project provides a purpose-built facility from which to coordinate an effective response to any civil emergency that may arise in Wales.

The building is capable of accommodating multi-agencies under one roof in a flexible series of spaces to be occupied during an emergency. The building also provides a new suite to accommodate the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO). This is in permanent full time use, and is primarily a suite of office accommodation with associated administrative support spaces.

Political and economic pressures had created a timescale which the client suspected would be impossible to meet, but we rose to the challenge to meet all timescale and budget

targets, whilst producing a high quality, critically acclaimed building.

Using the Government's Buying Solutions Framework, Dyfed Powys Police quickly engaged a full consultant team, including Austin-Smith:Lord to design and deliver the SCC.

From the outset, a collaborative approach was taken to ensure the project was delivered within the tight timescales. This involved the design team and client working closely to develop the brief and agree the preferred concept design in order for rapid progress to be made towards the submission of the planning application.

A two stage tender process allowed for early contractor engagement and input into the detailed design, with assistance provided on cost and buildability aspects as well as 'buy-in' to the partnering ethos adopted.

The project was delivered using the NEC form of contract, Option A Priced Contract. With a capped budget at £6.4m, it was important to ensure that public money was used to deliver best value and the Option A contract reduced the risk that the budget would be exceeded.

