



Swansea Civic Centre Case Study

Background

In March 2017 Swansea council made the decision to transform their working space in their main Civic Centre office, in the heart to Swansea Bay to one that promoted better working-together and helped the council decrease the amount of space it needed to deliver its' services.

Project Ambitions

Agile Working Space

Decreased running costs

Most social, environmental and value option

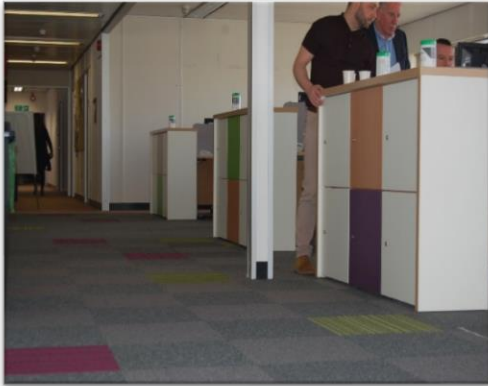
"Agile working of this nature will give officers better opportunity to work together, will release valuable office space to potentially generate income and will decrease the cost of running our estate. .it will help us adapt to the reality that there is less government funding councils'



Councillor Clive Lloyd, Cabinet Member for Transformation and Performance,

Rebecca Jones Facilities Manager at Swansea Council was also keen to find the most economically, socially and environmentally solutions possible and initially contacted local social business Ministry Of Furniture to see is they would be able to re-use their existing furniture. The conversation progressed into being one resulting in the council being able to re-use most of their existing office furniture either via up-cycling (refurbishment and renewal techniques) or via local re-use to the community.

In addition, the existing flooring in the building was in an extremely poor condition after long-term extended use. Greenstream was able to offer the council the social, environmental and economic benefits they sought by being the only social business involved in flooring and by offering the maximum use of re-used commercial flooring as possible.



Greenstream was able to work with the new office design lay-out and offer re-used and new commercial carpet to fit into the new modern open plan/ agile- style of the office, complementing colours and design yet still offering best social, environmental and economic value.

Total Area To Date 5225m2 (10 phases of work)

Sustainability Outcomes

Economic/ Value Outcomes

The use of a social enterprise in the supply of this service extends to being more than purely the economic value. However, Swansea council have been able to make substantial cost savings by using part re-purposed (re-used) carpet tiles as well as being able to cut their use of space in the building and renting out space to external parties.

Environmental Outcomes

The use of **2100m2 re-purposed (re-used) carpet tile, 43 % of the total floorspace**, has substantially reduced the carbon output by 40.2 tonnes compared to if only new carpet tiles were used. In addition, the use of 2100 m2 of re-used carpet has also **reduced waste-to-landfill/ incineration by 153 tonnes**

Social Outcomes

As a social enterprise Greenstream is a CIC , a community interest company, whose aim is to maximize the community benefit from the sales and re-use of flooring. It reaches it's social aims in two ways; it provides **free carpets to low-income families and individuals** who otherwise would not afford the warmth and insulation that carpet provides and it provides supported employment to **disabled and disadvantaged individuals**.