

# **PFI DATA SHEET**

## **EDINBURGH SCHOOLS PPP PROJECT**

### **Background and Benefits**

Edinburgh Smart Schools Initiative wraps up a combination of different approaches, some new, to make it possible for the Council to make strategic long term improvements to the city's schools.

Edinburgh has undergone strong economic growth in recent years and this is set to continue, creating new business and housing districts. The Council needs to create enough places in each secondary school and also create schools that local people want their children to go to. Education should be delivered in appropriate, high quality learning environments that will raise confidence and enhance enthusiasm for the learning process.

Research and evaluation covered the alternative approaches to funding, future costs and the capital receipts that might be generated by rationalising some Education properties. This led to the development of an Outline Business Case and in November 1998 the then Scottish Office gave permission to go ahead and offered £6.2m per annum in Level Playing Field Support. The Edinburgh Schools Partnership (ESP) was named as preferred bidder in March 2001.

### **Facts**

In November 2001, agreement was reached with the Edinburgh Schools Partnership (ESP) to proceed with the city's first PPP project. As a result over 10,000 pupils (17%) will benefit from new or refurbished accommodation before the end of 2004. The project is worth £91m

### **Features**

The project is worth £91m at today's prices and will provide

- 10 new primary schools
- 2 new secondaries
- 3 refurbished secondaries
- 2 new special schools
- 1 refurbished special school
- 1 new secure unit
- a new community education centre

facilities management for the project schools.

The first of the new schools will open in August 2002 and building construction will be completed by the end of 2003

