

NOTE FOR SCRUTINY BOARD

DESIGN SERVICES

Design Services is made up of the two Service Areas: Engineering Services and Architectural Design Services. Engineering Services is based at Middleton and Architectural Design Services (ADS) now partnered with Jacobs as the Strategic Design Alliance (SDA) is at Adams Court.

Engineering Services

Engineering Services works with our partners Mouchel Parkman. The in-house service includes:

- Highways design
- Bridge design
- Bridge strengthening and maintenance
- Construction management
- Site development services
- Land drainage
- Geotechnical engineering

With our partners we are responsible for delivery of the Local Transport Plan programme and City Council schemes – examples of schemes we are currently delivering and which will continue in 07/08 are:

- Leeds Inner Ring Road, Stage 7 Due for completion December 2008
- East Leeds Link Road Due to complete October 2008
- A65 Quality Bus Initiative Abbey Road section completed in 2007
Due for Completion 2011/2012
- Private Streets Programme £1.3m in 2006/07.
£1.6m in 2007/08
Total Scheme £7.8m over 6 years

Over the last 3 years the service has also delivered award winning schemes for the John Charles Approach at the Centre for Sport and the refurbishment of Briggate.

The Geotechnical service provides a service both within the Council and to other local Authorities as well as other parts of the Development Department negotiating with developers to gain the maximum price for sites which the Council are selling, this was as much as £1m for Sharp Lane.

Section 278 Schemes include the associated highways works for private developments such as Bridgewater Place 06/07, High Royd's Hospital 2007/08, Leeds Grammar School 2007/08.

Land Drainage oversees the Water Management Service for the Council and play a major role in measures to reduce flooding.

In 2007/08 Engineering Services is to become part of Highways as part of the Change Programme

Architectural Design Services

ADS works with our partners Jacobs as the Strategic Design Alliance. The in-house service includes:

- New Build Design and Improvement and Alteration of schools, libraries, children's centres and public buildings such as the Art Gallery.
- Building Maintenance
- A Building Surveying advice and maintenance package for schools
- Landscape Design
- Quantity Surveying
- Mechanical and Electrical Engineering
- Energy and Condition Surveys
- Planning supervisor services
- Water Management Services including legionella testing

With our partner, our multi skilled teams have a very wide breadth of experience in undertaking all building types from briefing and site appraisal, through feasibility studies, design and production to contract administration and after care.

In the last 3 years ADS have won several awards for the quality of their designs including:-

- New Bewerley Primary School – 3 RICS Awards
- Hollybush Primary School – ASC Award Sustainable Communities
- Armley One Stop Shop – Shortlisted for RICS 2005
- Merion Gardens – Award for Landscape at Leeds Architectural Awards 2006
- Otley Library – Green Apple Award

Key issues facing the service are the sustainability of the workload over the next 3 years and, building on the success of the quality designs produced, to achieve even higher standards in design and customer care.