

## Welcome!

Welcome to the first in what will be a series of regular updates about Aura's work delivering buildings and infrastructure that benefit communities across the North East.

Having just completed our 10th year, we look forward to continuing our work with public authorities in the region in 2018, continuing to achieve best value and maintaining the highest standards of quality. We have made a significant contribution to the economy in the last ten years, having delivered more than £300 million of

infrastructure projects which have attracted over £200 million of investment in the region. We will keep you updated with news about Aura's work on a regular basis but in the meantime if you would like any further information please contact:

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## Current Projects



### Teesside University - National Horizons Centre

The £22.3M project has been let to Wates Construction and work started on site in January 2018, completing early 2019. Aura is proud to be working on this project in partnership with Summers Inman.



### Civic Centre Refurbishment

Planning approval has been achieved for Phase 2. Works are due to start in spring 2018. Sir Robert McAlpine have been selected as preferred bidder and dialogue is ongoing for second stage tender. The Aura team continue to support Newcastle City Council with HMCTS to agree the tenancy.



### Northshore Hotel

The hotel is a 128 bed, seven storey Hampton by Hilton hotel which is situated on a prominent site in Stockton on Tees, overlooking the riverside. The project represents the next phase of development in the Northshore masterplan and will be a significant boost to the local economy. Building works commenced on site in November 2017 and are due to be completed late 2018 / early 2019.



### Teesside University - Library Refurbishment

Teesside University £7M library refurbishment was complete for September 2017.

Darren Vipond, Director, Campus Services, Teesside University, said: "Aura has supported the University on a variety of capital projects over the last 5 years, their approach is flexible & adaptable and we have found the service they offer to be a good fit to our strategy and delivery requirements."



### Newcastle Laboratory Science City

Concept design works commenced autumn 2015 with construction works starting on site November 2016. Works are progressing well on site and due to complete spring 2018.

**"After our first decade, Aura is now at the heart of the delivery of high quality infrastructure in the North East. We are proud of our track record and look forward to building on this success in the next ten years in partnership with public authorities in the region."**

Aura Chief Executive,  
Kirsty Thirlwell



**OUR ACTIVITIES  
RESULTED IN OVER**

**£270M**

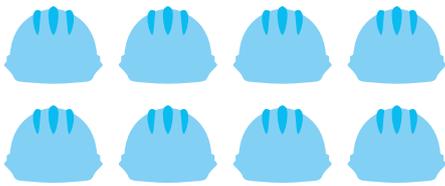
— SPENT WITH —  
**NORTH EAST  
BUSINESSES**

**AURA PROJECTS  
HAVE ATTRACTED**

— OVER —  
**£200M**

**OF INVESTMENT  
INTO THE REGION**

**EDUCATION AND LEISURE FACILITIES** HAVE BEEN CREATED FOR **OVER 125,000 LOCAL USERS, ENHANCING THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE AND LEARNING.**



**OVER 80**

YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN AWARDED APPRENTICESHIPS

AND



**MORE THAN 800**

HAVE HAD WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES.



AURA'S THOROUGH APPROACH TO EVERY PROJECT HAS ACHIEVED

**SAVINGS**

OF OVER

**£15 MILLION**

TO THE PUBLIC SECTOR.



**AURA HAS JUST CELEBRATED A DECADE OF SUCCESS, DELIVERING OVER £300 MILLION OF HIGH QUALITY COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IN THAT TIME AND MAKING A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE TO COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTH EAST.**

**Four New Frameworks**  
Aura finished last year on a high after being successfully awarded a place on four procurement frameworks to deliver public buildings for health, education, emergency services as well as community services:

**The North East Procurement Organisation**

The North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) Construction and Engineering Consultancy framework offers a compliant value for money route for public services to procure a range of engineering and professional services.



**Education & Skills Funding Agency**

The Education and Skills Funding Agency school buildings framework lots for the North East, Yorkshire and Humberside which anticipates spending around £80 million in each lot on projects up to £4.5 million each.



**LHC Appointed Company**

The LHC Framework is designed to deliver schools and community buildings in the North East, Cumbria, North West, Yorkshire and the Humber regions.



**ESPO**

The ESPO framework for Property, Building and Infrastructure Advice and Management Service.



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