



BLACKBURN'S CATHEDRAL QUARTER

The Lancashire Enterprise Partnership provided a Growing Places Fund (GPF) loan to support the delivery of the mixed-use Blackburn Cathedral Quarter development, led by Maple Grove Developments, with Eric Wright Construction the appointed contractor.

The £16m BREEAM Excellent development, completed in 2017, aimed to create a vibrant mixed-use scheme to transform Blackburn's existing business and leisure offer, and generate a true sense of place for local residents and businesses.

The achievements secured by embedding social value principles through the project has enhanced and broadened the success of the project.

By using this approach, Maple Grove Developments have also been able to secure a range of additional benefits for the wider community.

DELIVERING SOCIAL VALUE TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES

In addition to economic benefits and regeneration, the scheme also supported the delivery of a wide range of social value. This included:

- 57.1% of spend with Lancashire based supplier (equating to £6.4m)
- Supporting over 50 employment roles
- 7 apprentices working on the project, over a total of 189 weeks
- Careers presentation to 20 university level students from Blackburn College
- Work experience for A-level college students from Chorley
- Support to local community projects through 29 volunteer hours, and £400 in donations.

If you would like any advice on embedding social value within your Growing Places Fund project, please contact the Fund Manager, Sue Roberts Sue.Roberts@lancashirelep.co.uk

For more details about the Growing Places Fund, how to apply, and more case studies of projects it has supported across Lancashire, visit www.lancashirelep.co.uk/key-initiatives/growing-places

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