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on behalf of Mansfield
District Council:
Mansfield Civic Centre




Looking after Buildings

Project: Mansfield Civic Centre



Task: External decorations including Mansfield District Council's crest

Products used:

Dulux Metalshield

Dulux Weathershield

Dulux Ultra Grip Primer & Activator

Client: Mansfield District Council

Background

Mansfield District Council is a local authority located in Nottingham. Mansfield district is divided into 36 wards, with each area being represented by an elected councillor. Mansfield Civic Centre is also the home to many key functions and personnel such as the Community Hub, which includes teams from Nottinghamshire Police and Mansfield District Council's community safety department.



Project Details:

Works included decorations to windows, soffits and the Council's crest, the latter of which was not in the original scope of works. As we were unable to remove the crest from the wall it had to be painted in situ, which required meticulous working to ensure that the intricate detail was completed accurately. Works to the crest were undertaken with Dulux Metalshield paint.

In addition, we also undertook decorations to gates, railings, posts and electric doors. We identified that the paint for the electric doors in the client's original specification could be enhanced as the metal door's core temperature would always be less than the air temperature outside. In addition, we advised that on application the colour may not be visually appealing. We engaged AkzoNobel who attended site and suggested an alternative, product and the client was delighted with the recommendation.

In addition, to the decoration works we also replaced the fascia boards with plastic boards and changed all the external lights, maximising the use of the scaffold.



Key Challenges...

Key challenges in this project included:

- The main challenge was working around a live occupied building, where high profile staff were working, including the Mayor and the Police, in addition to members of the public visiting the offices. Health and safety was paramount, especially as the scaffolding was extensive. All staff received site specific inductions and regular health and safety inspections were undertaken throughout. We undertook weekend working to enable decorations to be undertaken to the metal entrance doors, as they were unable to be in use during drying time
- Lead-in time: the specialist fascia boards were procured from Germany and therefore had a long lead-in time. We had to factor this into the programme and ensure we had flexible resource to mitigate any overall programme delays

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