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Council
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Client: Bath & Northeast Somerset Council

Project Size: 16,000 sq ft

Designers: Cleverspaces

Project Management: BANES Council

Likemany other councils around the UK, Bath & North East Somerset Council is having to find ways to deliver services more effectively and cost efficiently in light of stringent budget cuts.

This ambitious project involved migrating the council's 150-strong workforce from individual offices to open plan workspaces, at the same time integrating public amenities including a new library into the building (allowing the existing central library space to be rented out). By bringing together different agencies within the one space the council's aim was to deliver more integrated and cost-effective services to the public.

At the heart of the brief was the creation of a well-thought out, professional and inspiring environment that would improve collaboration between departments and serve the workforce and community's diverse needs. It also needed to raise morale and garner support for the work of the council by reflecting and reinforcing its value to the local community.

The design features a creative, functional and inviting mix and density of worktables, low-level sofa configurations and high back armchairs set within linking spaces, aimed at facilitating a variety of productive work and meeting scenarios. This was achieved through a mix of 60% Ara task seating alongside diverse Smartworking® products, including Perimeter, Cwtch and Avi.

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