

Catering Programme Strategic Briefing

University of Reading

The University of Reading adopted a catering strategy that included food production based on a centralised cook-chill methodology, moving away from their existing traditional halls catering to a holistic approach that would better utilise existing and proposed facilities. A strategic briefing, risk analysis and cost checking exercise was undertaken to assess the viability of the strategy, prior to the finalisation of the University's capital programme.

Client	University of Reading
Project Title	Catering Programme Management
Client Sector	Higher Education
Project Value	£20m
Service Provided	Project Management, Strategic Advice and Planning

Our Role

As Programme Manager, Provelio were required to develop Strategic Project Briefs for each of the proposed projects and test these against the Programme Budget. Provelio facilitated a comprehensive value identification and management exercise that tested the initial briefs against the programme goals. Working with one of the University's framework cost consultants, Provelio completed a cost plan to support the Programme. Subsequently, a strategic programme was developed for each of the projects, along with an initial log of project and programme risks, dependencies and constraints.

Client Benefits

The Client was able to proceed with the programme with a greater understanding of its constituent projects, and the risks and issues around them. This determined the procurement route and allowed the Client to ensure that appropriate contingencies were in place. By prioritising projects and linking them to elements of the strategy, the Client has been able to ensure value is well defined within the brief at the outset.