

Solihull Council Signs Partnership Charter with Dodd Group and GRAHAM FM

On 20 November 2014, Solihull Council, Dodd Group, and GRAHAM Facilities Management formally signed a partnership charter to solidify their relationship and commemorate the beginning of a ten year collaboration.

The charter was signed by the Leader of Solihull Council, the Vice Chairman from Dodd Group and the Managing Director from GRAHAM FM, plus employees from each corporation. It lays out the positive attitude and behaviours integral to creating a culture of respect and productivity. It also stands as a symbol of the lasting relationship between Solihull Council, Dodd Group and GRAHAM FM.

Solihull Council's collaboration with these organisations from the private sector has so far brought huge benefits to the borough. The charter marks the beginning of a new phase as the Council extends its services to offer to other public sector organisations; from schools and academies to other local authorities.

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, the partnership's first customer, made substantial savings on reactive and void electrical works, and additional savings were achieved through efficiencies gained on undertaking the works.

Increased local employment, cashable and non-cashable savings, enhanced stakeholder satisfaction and improved performance efficiency are all achievements realised as a result of the involved partners working as an integrated team.

Councillor Bob Sleigh, Leader of the Council, said: "This charter represents a mutually beneficial partnership based on delivering quality services throughout the public sector. Our workforce is a community and the charter sets out the values of tolerance, empowerment and productivity we collectively want to promote."

Andrew Bill, Managing Director, GRAHAM FM, added: "We believe that working together in partnership can foster a rewarding and mutually respectful relationship which will help all parties deliver their business goals."

Mark Dodd, Vice Chairman of Dodd Group, said: "The Partnership is a real breakthrough in public and private sector collaboration, and I am delighted that Dodd Group has been involved from the very beginning. I am sure that this will become a real game-changer in how future maintenance contracts are procured and operated. We look forward to building on the Partnership's success and to delivering its benefits to other public sector bodies as they join."

