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London Build 2018 on October 23rd -24th at the Olympia



David Jones. MConstM. our Director of Education & Training has been Offered to speak at the Skills Hub a 45-minute workshop slot and will be chairman of the whole Skills Hub event on the first day 23 October, that will also give him the opportunity to open and close the event with appropriate remarks too

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Scotland

Grandhome acquisition marks £100m Scottish investment milestone for Dandara



Managing director of Dandara (Scotland), Gavin Wyley, said: “This reaffirms our commitment to the north-east. We have been encouraged by recent improvements being seen in the property market and wider economy, which continues to show signs of recovery. “With our Stonewood development in its final phase, we see this as a location to continue to deliver high quality homes which meet the level of demand for new-build which has remained strong.

“At Grandhome, we are working alongside the Trust to create a transformational community which delivers on the Scottish Government’s commitment to supporting the development of sustainable new communities in urban settings.”

Leeds

London-based developer Olympian Homes has committed to start building its landmark student accommodation tower block in Leeds before the end of the year.



Leeds City Council gave the project approval during August and Olympian Homes is



presently in negotiations with an un-named contractor about building the tower.

The 37-storey building, located on Tower House Street, will provide 752 student bedrooms, along with a roof terrace on the 35th floor. The project was designed by O’Connell East Architects with Vitec providing M&E design and RoC Consulting structural design. Due to start works on site this year and will create up to 450 jobs during the construction phase along with local apprenticeship schemes as part of their investment in the area.

Willmott Dixon workers see through concrete with smartphones



Willmott Dixon is trialling new software which allows site staff to see through walls using their smartphones. The Dalux Field App software has been imported from Denmark and used on four Willmott Dixon sites ranging in value from £4m – £25m. It shows 3D construction models with augmented reality on smartphones. Users simply point their phones at a part of the project and it will show a mix of reality and the 3D model. Willmott Dixon digital manager Andrew Gamblen said: “The technology is absolutely brilliant. It is very easy to use and can be accessed on a large number of devices

– making it much easier for everyone on-site to visualize exactly what we are building. “The workers on-site are excited. Even though not all are using it every day, they still check each time something has been installed and see if there are any issues. “They no longer have to run back and forth to the office.”

York

York City Council has put out the call for a contractor to take on the refurbishment of its historic Guildhall buildings.



York City Council's image of the refurbished Guildhall a previous contract with Interserve was scrapped earlier this year when it became apparent that the project could not be delivered within the agreed £9m budget.

The plan is to convert the former council offices into serviced offices and a business club. The council chamber is still used for full council meetings every other month and the Guildhall itself is still used for events. The remainder of the space is largely empty and needs refurbishing.

In May the council decided to reduce the scope of works to the 15th century building but the revised project is still expected to cost around £14m.

The contract is now being retendered, with the aim of getting work started in January 2019.

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