

CASE STUDY

West Lothian Council

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The Council chose the Atrium Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) software – with its core data repository and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) compliant module – as a key component of their corporate property asset management strategy



Linlithgow Palace and Loch, West Lothian

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Facts & Figures

Project title: SE7 PAMS

Location: Southern England

Start / end date: 2012 / 2019

Software: Atrium EAM suite

Services: System hosting, project management, data migration, business consultancy, training and support

Key achievements:

- IFRS and CIPFA compliant
- Consolidated corporate property asset register
- Improved audit control
- Better spending decisions and more informed asset management plans

West Lothian Council is recognised as a leading local authority in Scotland. It has been at the forefront of asset management innovation for a number of years, with a rationalised estate, shared partnership centres, and the management of assets as corporate resources.

Key business drivers for the Council are:

- Make more effective and efficient use of its property assets
- Continually improve resource deployment
- Rationalise systems to streamline management processes.

One area of focus was the production of asset valuations for incorporation in the Council's financial statements.

Ensuring property asset data would remain compliant with both CIPFA best practice and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) led the Council to procure new asset management software. After a lengthy tender process, which thoroughly evaluated several systems, the Atrium

EAM suite, with its core data repository and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) compliant module, was selected.

The implementation will enable the Council not only to continue to be CIPFA and IFRS compliant, but also to interrogate and analyse its property asset management data more effectively. This will deliver service improvements and long-term efficiencies through better asset utilisation, resource deployment and prioritisation of investment. The key strands are:

- Supporting a co-ordinated corporate approach to asset management
- Supporting the Council's emerging corporate asset management plan
- Improving property asset performance decision-making
- Better integration of spending decisions with asset management planning
- Improved service user interfaces on property asset management



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The first phase of the project involved migrating West Lothian Council's existing asset register to the Atrium EAM system and producing capital accounting reports in line with IFRS. Existing valuations were migrated as part of the Council's financial year end processes.

Complex algorithms associated with IFRS-compliant asset valuations contained in the Atrium system will run automatically every time any asset valuation adjustment is made. This gives the Council a flexible, easy way

to report on live figures, and will improve management of the asset register by reducing repetitive manual data entry.

Overall, Atrium's EAM solution will prove an essential part of West Lothian Council's financial management activities and a key component of their property asset management strategy going forward.

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“Delivering better, more efficient services by making more effective use of property assets continues to be a key objective for all local authorities, and good financial management, including ensuring compliance with CIPFA best practice and the new International Financial Reporting Standards, is a critical part of this. West Lothian Council is in the vanguard of such strategic property asset management and is working closely with Manhattan Atrium to achieve these goals.”

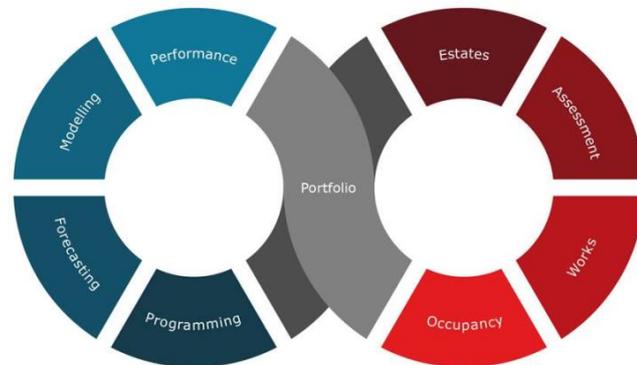
Paul Kettrick – West Lothian Council Asset Manager

Manhattan Atrium is the UK's leading supplier of Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) software.

Our EAM solutions enable your organisation to optimise its asset and property portfolio to enhance performance, add value, manage risk and reduce costs.

Our web-based EAM software suite provides a fully integrated and structured approach that uniquely addresses both strategic and operational asset management.

Manhattan Atrium clients include Abellio, Capita, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (Victoria, Australia), Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust, the Environment Agency, the Ministry of Justice, Network Rail, plus many local authorities and public sector consortia.



Strategic Asset Investment Planning

- Make evidence-based decisions on your long-term investment strategy
- Measure past, present and future property and asset performance
- Model 'what if' scenarios to prepare cost-effective programmes of work that meet your organisation's budgets and objectives

Operational Property Asset Management

- A joined-up approach to day-to-day property management, delivering immediate operational efficiencies
- Modules cover all aspects of asset and facilities management, including estates terrier, condition surveys and other assessments, reactive maintenance and PPM, contractor management, helpdesk, KPI reporting, and programme management

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