Carbon Trust “Low Carbon Buildings Accelerator”: Design and actual energy use for refurbishment projects
Project 1: High Street Bank Branch

- “Light” refurbishment only
- A fast track refurbishment over a May bank holiday weekend.
- Complete upgrade of all services i.e.
  - Heating, cooling, ventilation, lighting but falling short of a full rewire
- Little opportunity to improve fabric due to security concerns, budget restraints and listing, but a small area of flat roof was improved
Modelling

- Due to the small size and simple nature of the building a CIBSE TM22 modelling approach was used throughout.
- This proved to be a very robust method of modelling the energy performance of the building throughout the various stages of the project.
- As there is no variable flow or modulating control on site it was possible to accurately establish the energy consumption based on “on” and “off” time schedules and rated loads.
- Activity logs were programmed into the BMS to record the operation of the presence detectors that control the lighting and heating in the intermittently occupied areas.
- This information enable the TM22 model to accurately calculate the energy consumption of these areas.
Project 2: Leisure Centre

- Original leisure centre opened in 1977 as a ‘state of the art’ leisure centre with pool.
- Closed in 2003 due to lack of maintenance
- Decided to redevelop as a ‘state of the art’ waterpark and gym, spa, multipurpose hall & climbing wall.
- Deep refurbishment – the building stripped back to a concrete shell.
  - New building services,
  - building fabric improved through infill of the facade,
  - new roof.
Pool Hall facade modelling

4 options modelled
1. Brise soleil (BS) with clear glazing
2. No BS, clear glazing
3. No BS, solar control glazing
4. Kalwall insulation

The use of Option 2 shown as best as can to make use of solar gain to maintain the pool hall conditions.
Project 3: Police Headquarters

- Police HQ in Colwyn Bay, North Wales.
- NWP wanted to ‘upgrade’ the building but avoid installing air conditioning
  - Major issues with overheating in certain areas
- Minimising energy usage was a primarily objective for the design team from the start
North Wales Police administration building energy consumption

- Computer room
- Other electricity
- Catering electricity
- Office equipment
- Lighting
- Humidification
- Fans, pumps and controls
- Cooling
- Heating and hot water

kWh/m² per annum (gross internal area)

Original building | ECOH 19 Type 1 typical | ECOH 19 Type 1 good | Final design model | Actual (electricity five months extrapolation)
Occupant survey

North Wales Police

- Temperature in summer: overall
- Temperature in winter: overall
- Air summer: overall
- Air in winter: overall
- Lighting: overall
- Noise: overall
- Comfort: overall
- Design
- Needs
- Health (perceived)
- Image to visitors
- Productivity (perceived)

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Project 4: Council Office refurbishment

- “Deep” refurbishment
- Complete removal of the original building envelope down to the structural concrete frame
- Replacement of all building fabric
- Construction of a new ground floor on what was the top deck of the car park
- Complete renewal of all services
Before and After
Carbon savings modelled and actual (kg CO₂/m² per annum)
Survey before refurbishment

Ashburton Court 2006 survey

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Survey after refurbishment

Elizabeth 2 Court East

Temperature in summer: overall
- Uncomfortable
- Comfortable

Temperature in winter: overall
- Uncomfortable
- Comfortable

Air summer: overall
- Unsatisfactory
- Satisfactory

Air in winter: overall
- Unsatisfactory
- Satisfactory

Lighting: overall
- Unsatisfactory
- Satisfactory

Noise: overall
- Unsatisfactory
- Satisfactory

Comfort: overall
- Unsatisfactory
- Satisfactory

Design
- Unsatisfactory
- Satisfactory

Needs
- Unsatisfactory
- Satisfactory

Health (perceived)
- Less healthy
- More healthy

Image to visitors
- Poor
- Good

Productivity (perceived)
- Decreased -20%
- +20% Increased

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