



cetb

Bord Oideachais agus
Oiliúna Chorcaí
Cork Education and
Training Board

Information Update Extension Project at Coláiste an Chraoibhín, Fermoy, Co Cork

The extension project at Coláiste an Chraoibhín, which is being delivered by Cork Education and Training Board (CETB) is approximately 90% complete.

However, it is often more complicated to finish out buildings that are in an advanced state of completion than to finish out ones that are in the early stages of construction, not least because a building that is further along will require much more extensive surveying. These surveys are needed to determine the extent of the works carried out and to determine if those works are up to standard and can be readily completed or, if not, the level of work that needs to be re-done as well as the finishing out works required. Extensive surveys are necessary to establish all of this on every component of the completed works - roof, mechanical and electrical works, doors, windows, drains etc. The outcome of these surveys will also determine the scope of works to be tendered for. These surveys are also critically important in ensuring that the building complies with building regulations which is ultimately what will provide the necessary assurances that the building is safe for use.

The extent of the work involved, the public procurement rules governing this and the need to comply with building regulations, the need to secure ancillary certification from all subcontractors involved in the project to comply with the requirements of the Building Control Amendment Regulations needs to be appreciated to understand why the project cannot simply be completed in a matter of weeks or a small number of months or finished out entirely by local trades people. This may be considered unfortunate, but the absolute integrity of the building must not be compromised for the health and safety of all those who will be using it into the future.

Contractors to carry out the required surveys have been appointed and started on site on 1st October and are scheduled to provide the Design Team with the completed information on the 29th October 2018. Pre-qualification for the appointment of the Main Contractor to complete the extension is in progress.

In line with the programme, it is envisaged that the tender package will issue to pre-qualified contractors in January 2019. Work is expected to commence on site in May 2019 with a completion date of August 2019 as already outlined.

Pitch and Existing Building

The Design Team has reviewed the proposal to accelerate the completion of the accompanying pitch to allow it to be available for use once the new extension to the school becomes operational. The Design Team has now advised that to complete the outstanding works to the extension, construction access will be required across the pitch. Therefore, any works carried out on the pitch now would be damaged by the completion works. In light of this, it is deemed not viable to reinstate the pitch until the works are completed.

Work is underway to examine a number of issues in the existing building, including those relating to fire safety, and to determine the extent to which works are required to resolve these issues.

Cork Education and Training Board will continue to communicate key developments on the progress of this project.

T. Owens,
Chief Executive,
5th October 2018.