



Durie Street, Methil, Project Site

Summary

Fife council sought to build 40 new council houses on Durie Street in Methil, Fife in March 2016. The properties consisted of block flats and individual council houses located on the site of a former residential carpark. Fife council ran the entire project through the Procurement Scotland portal. This portal seeks to engineer collaboration at a national level for the sharing of services and opportunities to reduce public sector costs by grouping often minor service needs and repackaging opportunities together.

Project

The site was located directly opposite a low-income housing estate in Methil, which ranked relatively highly in Fife for crimes associated with burglary, vandalism and anti-social behaviour. Liaison with local police crime prevention officers indicated that malicious damage to the built estate was likely without adequate preventative measures. They advised the contractor to ensure all small-scale plant and machinery needed, at the end of each day, should be adequately stored

in a secure area to discourage attempts of theft. The site compound located out with the actual construction site was to be included in the security remit with close monitoring essential all times to protect against vandalism and appliance theft.

Due to the relatively high levels of local unemployment, Fife council indicated a desire to recruit from the local community with an emphasis placed on the required security measure being a suitably qualified manned guard over any CCTV or mobile patrolling security measures. Under government instruction the local council required an ACS accredited security company to fulfil the role.

Services Required/Delivered

Peritus initially conducted a site wide risk assessment of the planned construction area in Methil. These assignment instructions were assembled by an experienced Peritus account manager, who in each project deployment has the responsibility for the formation of unique

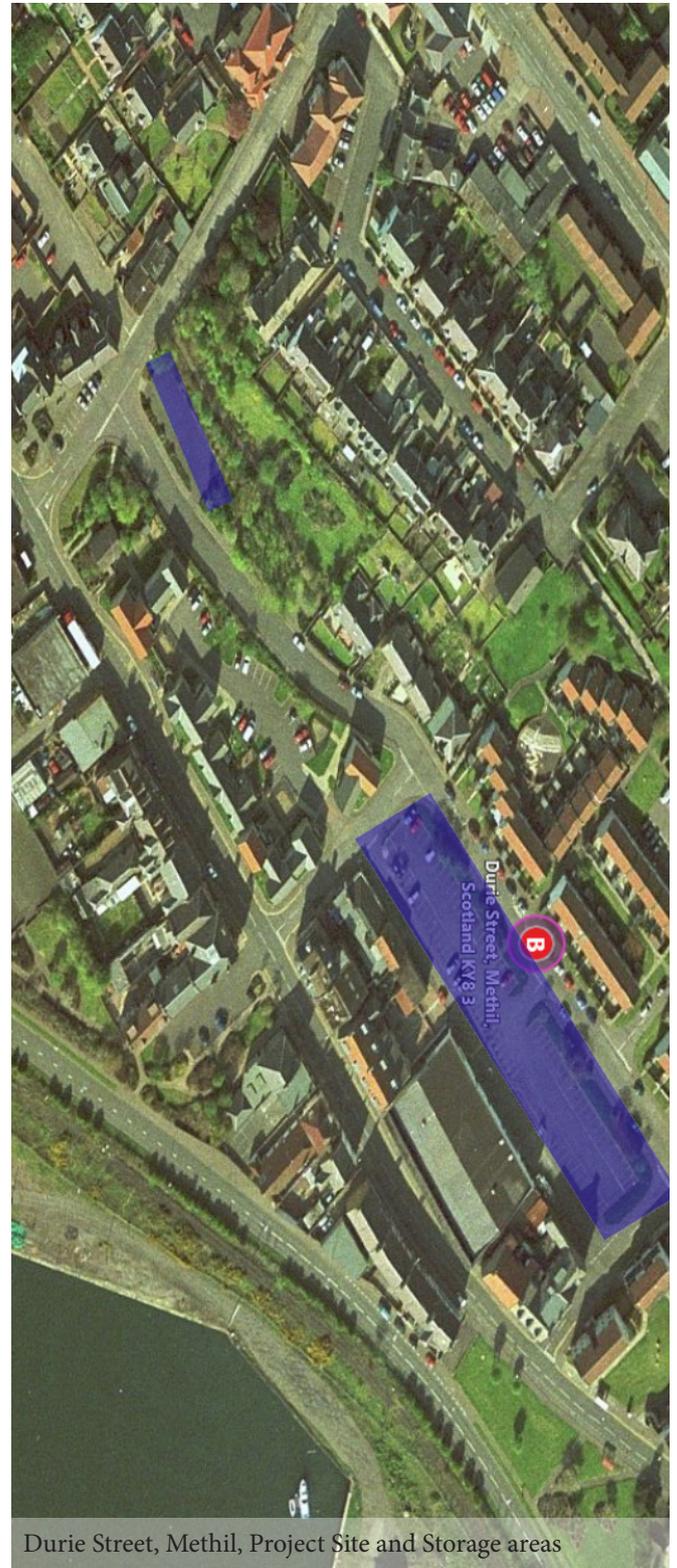




guidance to counter threats to persons and any assets. Such threats to the guarding role were themselves identified within the assignment instructions as 'control measures'. Those control measures deemed hazardous received dedicated planning and were effectively countered within the security strategy, maintaining the overall integrity of the security deployment, while taking due care to minimise any threats to those security operatives.

As well as both the site and Peritus's own site specific induction training, suitable wearable technology was equipped on each guard. Utilising identifiable chest mounted cameras, with GPS tracked phone applications and the emergency Crystal Ball application gave our guards an additional level of protection when working alone among potential hazards. During the initial risk assessment, Peritus's dedicated account manager geo-mapped the site and compound areas; geo-mapping marries with Peritus's own GPS tracker application which enables for continual monitoring of a guards' location in accordance with the agreed walkaround route determined within the site's assignment instructions. The crystal ball lone worker and GPS platform (used until the formation of Peritus's own GPS system) was also included within the role, providing a reliable additional supporting tool in instances where security staff required additional priority support from local police.

In accordance with Fife council's requirements Peritus sought the guarding officers for the year-long project with the help of the government run job centre in Methil. After a relatively short search Peritus were successful in recruiting a team of SIA accredited officers who were then vetted in accordance with the BS7858 2012 standards to ensure they met the expected criteria to be deployed to site as one of our guards.



Durie Street, Methil, Project Site and Storage areas



The security requirement was tailored to deploy between 5pm-7am with a continual coverage from Friday 4pm till 7am on Monday requiring a 119hour weekly rota to be devised to suit the F/T Peritus guarding team. In accordance with their training and experience the Peritus account manager for the project designed rotas in line with the European work time directive for the provision of contractual hours which ensure those in receipt are sufficiently rested prior to any further undertakings.

Added Value

Unlike many of our competitors Peritus provide an experienced account manager for the duration of the project who will be responsible for the creation of evolving site assignment instructions having conducted a detailed security risk assessment of each deployment. It is Peritus's policy to always go beyond what would be expected of us in securing the safety of our clients and that of our own staff. Expertly lead preplanning and live testing assignment instructions while in deployment continue to offer a very effective means to improve our high-quality security service and strengthen the respect of clients across the board.

