

Water Savings Add Up for the Department for Education and Skills

Savings Totalling £60,000, Set to Rise Further



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The Department for Education and Skills (DfES) was one of the first organisations to join OGCBuying.Solution's highly successful Watermark project, entering into a no-risk Water Services Contract with industry experts and consultants ADSM. Three years on, the department continues to reap financial benefits from this contract whilst meeting government targets for water in offices. The contract has two more years to run and is estimated to save a further £40,000 on top of the £60,000 already saved.

Identifying the Problem

In 1999, OGCBuying.Solutions launched the ground-breaking Watermark project to benchmark water consumption across the public sector. The Department for Education and Skills (DfES) was keen to get involved to fast-track savings and meet government targets for consumption. It became apparent that water consumption was above typical levels and ADSM carried out a detailed study of consumption at five key DfES sites and found that whilst all the sites were well-managed, further water-saving measures could be made at all of them.

The Solution

The DfES accepted a Water Services Contract (WSC) from ADSM to take over the management of water at its key sites in a scheme that required no up-front investment from the DfES.

Benefits of the Water Services Contract (WSC)

The Water Services Contract allows public sector organisations to implement water-

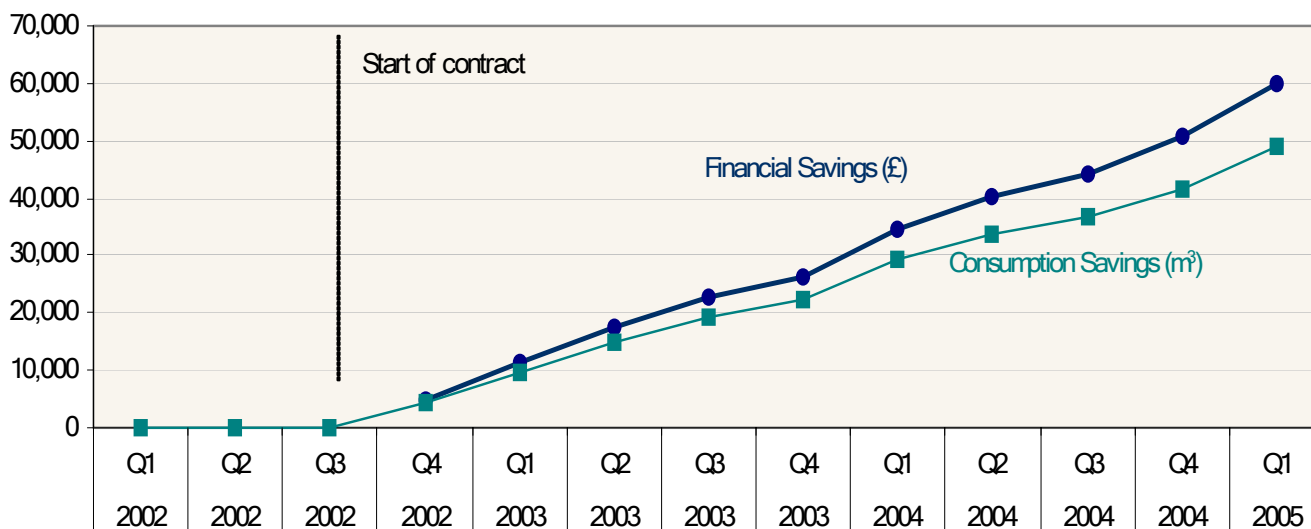
saving initiatives without having to raise a budget and employ consultants, project managers or installers to undertake saving measures. Highlights of this comprehensive water management contract include:

- ▶ The ability to make instant savings on water consumption
- ▶ The ability to meet or exceed government targets for water consumption
- ▶ Pre-tendered, EU-compliant contract
- ▶ Access to leading-edge technology
- ▶ An easy-to-understand monthly management report, with charts and tables displaying consumption performance
- ▶ Measures are funded by ADSM and all assets accrue to the client at the end of the contract

Results to Date

Since ADSM started working with the Department for Education and Skills in 2002, water consumption per person has been reduced, quarter on quarter. Since the start of the contract, the DfES has accrued savings totalling £60,000.

Water Savings at the DfES



Site Details

Castle View House

Castle View House is a modern office building, housing approximately 480 members of staff. It has extended hours of use, being in operation 14 hours per day, 6 days per week.

Caxton House

Caxton House is a purpose-built seven-storey office block. The building accommodates approximately 900 staff and is used ten hours per day, Monday to Friday.



Sanctuary Buildings

Sanctuary Buildings is a purpose-built eight-storey office block. The building was constructed in 1985, houses approximately 1,500 staff and is in use ten hours per day, 6 days per week.

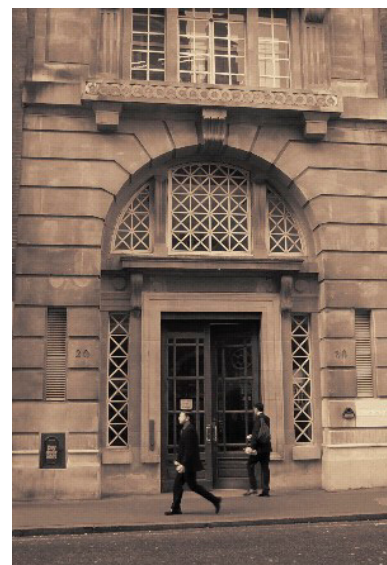
Moorfoot

Moorfoot is a purpose-built eleven-storey office block, housing approximately 1,530 members of staff. It has extended hours of use, being in operation ten hours per day, 6 days per week.

Mowden Hall

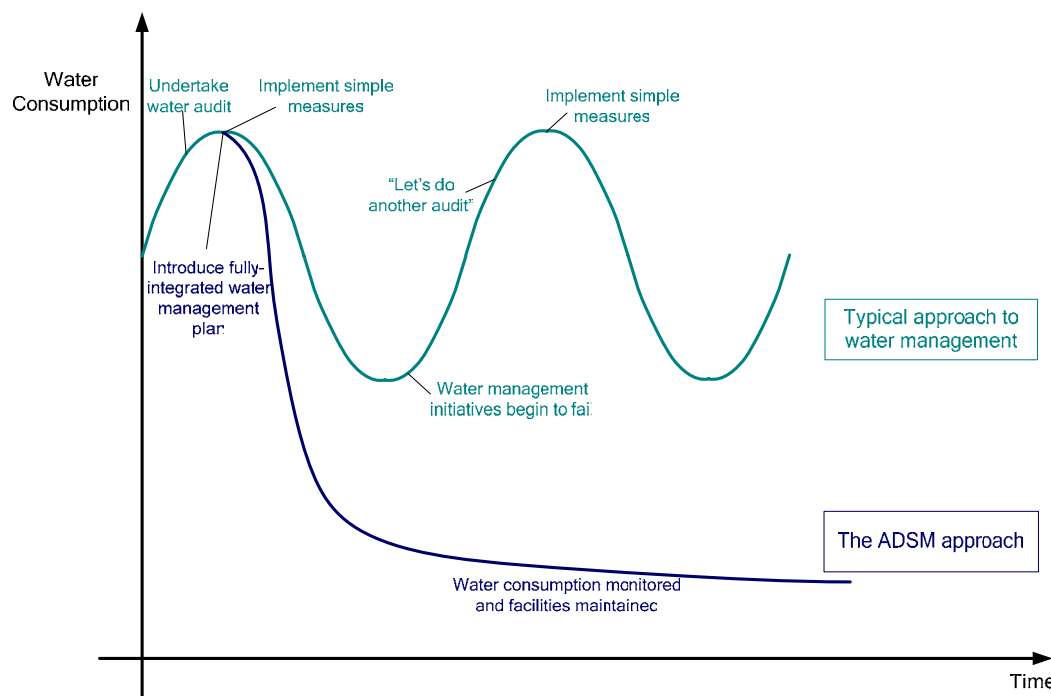
DFES Mowden Hall is group of three buildings used as office facilities for the Department of Education and Skills. The complex is made up of three buildings, Mowden Hall itself, the Podium and the Old Hall. The Old Hall is a listed building and the two other buildings are purpose built offices.

The treated area comprises of 4,189 square metres of floor space. The two purpose-built offices were built approximately twenty years ago and are in use 11 hours per day 5 days per week for 51 weeks of the year. The building caters for 447 people.



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Good environmental management makes excellent business sense

Commenting on the water management project, Rose Cliff, Environment and Energy Manager for DfES said:

"The partnership with ADSM provides a real opportunity to fast track savings to meet government targets whilst at the same time delivering financial savings. The DfES is delighted to be one of the first government departments to sign up to this water service contract. It demonstrates once again that good environmental management makes excellent business sense."

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