



Transport Scotland Agency Offices, Glasgow

THE TASK

Transport Scotland is the new National Transport Agency for Scotland. Its purpose is to help deliver the Scottish Executive's vision for transport, making a real difference for people and businesses using the national rail and road networks.

The government agency, Transport Scotland, was to be relocated from the Scottish Executive in Edinburgh and other locations within the central belt to new premises in Glasgow. They were to occupy four floors in a refurbished 1970s building. The Client requested that the new open-plan offices should be “a bit different” from the expectations for a government agency office and have a “wow” factor from the point of entry and throughout the building.

THE DESIGN

The reception area, being the first point of contact for visitors, has been designed to make a dramatic impact. This has been achieved with extensive use of black plaster cladding applied to columns, coupled with full height back lit glass walls. As a finishing touch the reception desk, a bespoke piece of furniture, is finished in black polyester lacquer, with a back lit glass front as a feature. The empty office space was dominated by structural columns, which created unattractive long narrow corridor spaces. A key aspect of the new design was to visually break up the corridor aesthetically through the use of a number of pairs of strategically located black plaster columns, enhanced with strip lighting above and coloured carpet below.

PROJECT PROFILE



CLIENT

Transport Scotland agency

PROJECT VALUE

£2m

PROJECT TYPE

Interiors – Refurbishment

SERVICE

Interior Design

START DATE

January 2006

COMPLETION DATE

September 2006

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THE SERVICE

TPS explored design ideas with the Client in order to clearly establish the brief and constantly liaised with all design team members and the contractor.

THE RESULT

The first phase has been occupied and has surpassed Client expectations in terms of the spaces and aesthetics of the materials, textures and colours.



FURTHER DETAILS

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