



Case Study : Aberdeenshire Council

Comprehensively upgrade meeting and committee rooms for video conferencing to deliver a solution that integrates new equipment with old

Client:

Aberdeenshire Council

Location:

Conference Room and
Committee Rooms
Woodhill House, Aberdeen

Project:

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Background:

Aberdeenshire Council has 108 offices spread across the north-east, so to reduce travel time for senior managers, it installed video conferencing and improved presentation facilities in the conference room and two committee rooms.

Design Considerations:

The council had already installed a media wall and personal computers in the conference room. To comprehensively upgrade the meeting room and committee rooms for video conferencing, Scotia UK had to devise a solution that integrated the new equipment with the old.

Scotia Solution:

Scotia fitted a Sony video conferencing system that involved integrating a dual plasma screen with the conference room's media wall. A Bose sound system was installed and ceiling microphones were used to minimise table noise. Scotia also fitted a DVD player and a video player. As the council already had a PC, Scotia integrated all of these elements through a wireless AMX controller. To upgrade the committee rooms for enhanced Powerpoint presentations and increased video conferencing use, Scotia used similar equipment but with an 84-inch interactive

rear projection touch screen, and ceiling, floor and table wireless microphones.

Result:

In the conference room, one screen can be used for PC and Powerpoint presentations and the other to display people taking part in the meeting from remote locations. One screen has a Smart overlay, allowing presenters to annotate a Powerpoint presentation, which can later be emailed out to those attending the meeting. Annotations can also be made during live video conferencing. The committee rooms are now extremely popular with other public sector organisations that hire them out.

“Scotia has provided us with a system that has cut down on travel, so that officers can concentrate more of their time on providing services for the public. It has been a cost-reduction investment that has also resulted in a carbon reduction due to the decrease in travelling times.”

Mark Baker, Facilities Manager at Aberdeenshire Council