

## South Ayrshire Council



“From the very early stages it was clear that Capita IT Services was fully committed to our project and determined to see it through to successful completion. This has ensured that the councils’ schools now have a secure and robust wireless network, which both pupils and teachers alike can depend on for many years to come”.

Gordon Muir, IT Manager

Start date	2001
Term	On-going service provision
Services	Network Support Services and Wireless Local Area Network
Sector	Public Sector – Local Authority

### Key Objectives:

- Provide internet connection to every school within the authority
- Address reliability, speed and bandwidth of the existing system
- Install a Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN)

### Key Results:

- Availability of wireless teaching throughout Ayrshire
- All pupils and teachers now have remote access to school network
- Provision of a secure and robust wireless network

## **Background**

South Ayrshire Council serves 15,000 four to eighteen year olds in 45 primary schools, nine secondary schools, four special schools and 23 nurseries across South Ayrshire and views the provision of educational services for its young people as a key responsibility.

Employing in the region of 5,600 staff, South Ayrshire Council's main purpose is to represent, protect and promote the interests of the people of South Ayrshire.

## **The Contract**

In line with Government modernising agendas, South Ayrshire Council first took the decision in 2001 to provide an internet connection to every school in the authority, through a WLAN. However, due to the rise of technological needs within education, there was a clear need to first address the reliability, speed and bandwidth of the existing system.

By undertaking a phased project approach Capita IT Services, the councils' technology partner of choice, demonstrated the benefits of a wireless solution on a strategic site by site basis prior to rolling the solution out to every school across South Ayrshire.

## **Benefits**

The services delivered by Capita IT Services has provided South Ayrshire Council with a range of benefits that include the ability to provide wireless teaching throughout the South Ayrshire area, pupils and teachers now have remote access to the school network anytime and teachers administration workload has reduced.