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Welcome to InTheNews – covering all the FM news you may have missed over the last week:

[Mitie](#) has published its latest whitepaper: *Accelerating Facilities Transformation*.

The research uncovered an increasing focus on sustainability and environmental goals, as more companies choose to invest in new ways to power buildings and reuse resources. In addition, adapting workplaces to meet changing employee needs and expectations also appeared to be a significant concern.

Phil Bentley, CEO, Mitie, said: “As the report makes clear, in order to survive, our sector must never stand still, but constantly evolve according to changing needs. Facilities management leaders should contemplate each question carefully and consider an appropriate response.”

The [Building Engineering Services Association](#) (BESA) has welcomed the government’s first comprehensive [strategy for facilities management](#) (FM).

It sets out an eight-year plan to improve the performance of the government’s estate of almost 140,000 buildings, which currently generates an annual FM bill of more than £13bn – 18% of the total UK market.

The government acknowledged there had been long-term under investment along with “inconsistent and varied approaches” which meant many of its buildings had “deteriorated to the point where functionality

was becoming affected”.

In people, Jo-Anne Robertson has been promoted to Managing Director Education & Healthcare for leading contract caterer Elinor UK, increasing female representation of its board to almost 70%.

Robertson joined Elinor UK in 2008 as the operational and business lead for the defence multi-activity contracts in the south of England and was promoted in 2018 to Managing Director for Elinor UK’s business and industry division. In her new role, Robertson has joined the UK leadership team with responsibility for developing and directing strategy, business development, and growth across the education and healthcare divisions.

And finally, The **FASET** AGM and Awards event took place on Thursday 24th November at the beautiful Tewkesbury Place, and was host to over 100 guests. That makes it the largest event of its kind in trade association’s history.

Now that live events are back in full swing again, following a lengthy absence during the height of the Covid pandemic, FASET’s growing number of members attended the stunning hotel, golf, health and conference resort in Gloucestershire for an event that was informative, enlightening and hugely enjoyable – a fitting celebration of the safest exponents of height working in the construction industry.

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