

<b>Typology</b> Civic, Cultural	<b>Location</b> Viborg, Denmark	<b>Project Delivery</b> Design Build
<b>Scale</b> 19,400 m <sup>2</sup>   209,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	<b>Construction Cost</b> 38.3 M EUR   44.6 M USD	<b>Status</b> Completed 2011

## Viborg City Hall

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Designed to meet Danish Low Energy Class 1 building standards, the 19,400 m<sup>2</sup> building is designed to consume 57% less energy than that required by local code requirements of similar buildings. According to the municipality's own calculations, the sustainable building will reach a break-even point in just eight years.

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Municipality of Viborg

### Type of Assignment

First Prize in International Competition

### Henning Larsen Role

Full-Service Consultant and Lead Designer (Architecture)

### Team

COWI (Engineer), Lisbeth Westergaard (Landscape)

### Select Awards

- Award for Good and Beautiful Building, Viborg Municipality, 2012

### Sustainability

- Low-Energy Class 1
- 41 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/year | 13 kBTU/ft<sup>2</sup>/year











### **Inspiring community**

"... The town hall [is] a workplace for the future. Since the public sector is going to change dramatically in the years to come, it's important for us to be able to have a flexible workplace. It's extremely easy to communicate with other departments ... which creates a very good work environment. One of the most important factors involving the construction of the building was to be able to make the place sustainable and environmentally friendly. It's built to be beautiful, functional and rational. We're saving around 40 million Danish Kroner a year on expenses, due to the fact that we're all gathered in one house. It's really good for our economy."

—Søren Pape Poulsen, Mayor of Viborg (translation)

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