

Glasgow's Met Tower gets go ahead for £60m redevelopment

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Bruntwood SciTech's plans to transform the Met Tower have been approved by Glasgow City Council. Savills planning team helped to secure the decision, which will see the developer invest £60 million to create a new tech and digital hub in the heart of the city's innovation district.

The approved plans will see the refurbishment of the former Grade B-listed City of Glasgow College, bringing it back into use by 2025 following a 10-year period of vacancy. This will enable Bruntwood SciTech to create a new 10-storey building which will interconnect with the Met Tower via a new wellbeing plaza.

Combined, the two towers, which are situated in close proximity to Queen Street station, will provide more than 200,000 sq ft of serviced and leased office accommodation to supercharge the growth of the city's tech and digital sector.

Savills office agency team has been instructed to market the space, alongside joint agent Ryden, targeting digital university spinouts, startups, scaleup and global tech businesses.

Colin McGhee, director in the office agency team at Savills Glasgow, comments: "The forthcoming transformation of the Met Tower will see the iconic structure evolve into a hub where companies can colocate and benefit from being part of an innovative, collaborative tech cluster. Businesses will also gain from being part of Bruntwood SciTech's UK-wide network of sector-specialists. We are continuing to see the rapid growth of both science and tech in Glasgow and for this reason we anticipate considerable interest from occupiers looking to take advantage of this eco-system."

Alastair Wood, head of planning for Savills Scotland, adds: "The consents issued by Glasgow City Council for the redevelopment of the Met Tower by Bruntwood SciTech represent a significant step froward for the



City Centre Innovation District that is centred in this part of Glasgow. The refurbishment of the listed Met Tower building to foster new businesses in the science and technology sector will be a fitting legacy for the former College of Printing and Building."