

## **SCDI WELCOMES SIR IAN WOOD'S VISION FOR ABERDEEN CITY CENTRE**

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Commenting on the proposals **Ian Armstrong, SCDI Manager NE Scotland** stated:

"There is little doubt that, at their most ambitious, the scale of these proposals offers a vision that would be a "game changer" for the city centre of Aberdeen. Sir Ian Wood's determination to make sure his home city and Europe's Energy Capital has the high quality urban heart it deserves is most welcome.

"SCDI welcomes the short, sharp timescale for the feasibility study and, if positive in its findings, we would urge the public sector to fully engage and work in partnership with Sir Ian and others in the private sector to ensure delivery of this fantastic opportunity for the city.

"In the current challenging economic climate today's announcement along with the recent go-ahead for the Trump development is a strong vote of confidence in the future of the North East economy.

"SCDI believes that a new Contemporary Arts Centre should be a central feature of the final project. We would encourage Sir Ian, Scottish Enterprise and Peacock Visual Arts to work together to complete the feasibility as quickly as possible and take the Gardens to a whole new level."

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