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Marischal Square taking shape ahead of 2017 opening

Senior figures from Aberdeen City Council toured the £107 million Marischal Square development, now that the footprint and structure of the buildings are in place on the project which will play a key role in the Council's long-term City Centre Masterplan.

Muse Developments' Regional Director for Scotland, Steve Turner, led the delegation, which included Deputy Council Leader, Cllr. Marie Boulton and Finance Convener, Cllr. Willie Young.

The city centre regeneration project includes a mix of Grade 'A' office space, restaurants and cafes, a 126-bedroom Residence Inn by Marriott and extensive civic space around the historic Provost Skene's House which is undergoing a £500,000 refurbishment as part of the development.

Publishing giants Aberdeen Journals have already committed to taking office space at Marischal Square and leading bar/restaurant chain All Bar One will establish the company's first Aberdeen outlet at the development.

Councillor Boulton was impressed with progress and said: "What Marischal Square gives us is the ability to try to reverse the trend of people leaving the city centre.

"We are looking for gaps in the market, we are hoping it is a more cultural space where people can enjoy sitting outside and enjoy the restaurants and bars."

Construction partners, Morgan Sindall, have a team of more than 150 people working on site at present, with that figure expected to reach around 300 as the development nears completion.

In keeping with Aberdeen's historic and world-wide reputation for granite buildings, four different colours of granite will be used for the Marischal Square buildings.

Steve Turner explained: "We have said from the outset that we are not trying to mimic Marischal College with this project, we wanted it to be different, but keeping in with Aberdeen's heritage so granite was the obvious choice."

The two office buildings will provide 173,500 sq ft of Grade 'A' office space with secure parking, seven restaurants and café bars within 28,000 sq ft of ground floor space. When fully occupied, the development has the potential to bring 1,500 jobs to the city centre.

Finance Convener, Willie Young said: "I think people will be pleasantly surprised when they see these pictures and see just how much public space there is."

The transformational Marischal Square development is fully funded and led by Muse Developments, Aberdeen City Council and Aviva Investors.