

# Bell & Scott Property Conference – speakers announced

✘ Bell & Scott has confirmed the speaker line-up for its annual Property Conference.

The event will take place on Wednesday 7 September 2011 at the EICC, Edinburgh. Property 2011: Realising Development in the New Economy, in association with the Scottish Property Federation, will debate key issues facing the property industry including the economy, regeneration and mixed use projects, funding models for property projects, environmental opportunities and planning. This event is a must attend for all those allied to the property industry in Scotland.

Chaired by Bell & Scott's Managing Partner, Paul Jennings, the highly regarded expert panel of speakers include:

Nick Berry, Partner of Mountgrange Investment Management LLP, the private real estate fund management business specialising in UK commercial property investment, development and asset management.

Murray Collins, of North Lanarkshire Council, has responsibility for the former Ravenscraig steelworks site in Motherwell, one of the largest regeneration projects in Europe, covering 450 hectares (1,125 acres) – an area equivalent to 700 football pitches or twice the size of Monaco. Ravenscraig will become home to over 10,000 people, and is expected to create 12,000 jobs and attract in excess of £1.2 billion of private sector investment over the next 15 to 20 years.

Alastair Crowdy, Director of Planning & Development at GL Hearn, specialises in strategic development projects throughout the UK and acts on behalf of both private sector clients and local authorities. He advises on land-use

strategies, regeneration and wider development issues. John Rathbone, Executive Chairman of JC Rathbone Associates, who founded JCRA in 1989 following a career spent in the treasury and capital markets areas of several banks. Prior to forming JCRA, he was the managing director in charge of the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group's global capital markets activities. John is Executive Chairman of all of the JCR operating companies. He advises on structuring hedging solutions for clients across all sectors.

Christa Reekie, Commercial Director of the Scottish Futures Trust, the independent company responsible for improving value for money in public infrastructure investment projects such as schools, transport, health and regeneration. The main functions of SFT are to improve the value for money of the billions of pounds spent each year by public sector bodies and finding new ways to raise affordable finance in today's tight financial environment.

Professor Sean Smith, BSc PhD MIOA, Director, Institute for Sustainable Construction & Professor of Construction Innovation, Edinburgh Napier University. Comprising several of Scotland's leading built environment applied research centres, the Institute works with key organisations across the construction industry. ISC has specialist expertise in developing and supporting innovative Building Technologies & Product Innovation and is the lead partner in the Low Carbon Building Technologies Gateway.

An 'early bird' discount rate is available when registering for Property 2011 before 1 August.

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