

UK Government moving to new office in Old Town

Property developers Artisan Real Estate formally handed over the keys of the building to Scottish Secretary David Mundell today.

The new Hub, located near Waverley Station in the heart of Edinburgh, is a seven storey, 190,000 square feet, ultra-modern office space. It will bring together nearly 3,000 UK Government civil servants from a range of UK Government departments.

The new office will open in Spring 2020 and will improve the work of the UK Government in Scotland, helping them deliver better services for Scottish people. It will enable closer collaboration between departments, smarter working, and use of the latest technology.

The Hub will incorporate a Cabinet Room, allowing the UK Government Cabinet to meet in a purpose built room, the first time such a facility has been available in Scotland.

Mr Mundell said: "I am delighted to receive the keys to the new UK Government Hub in Edinburgh. The formal handover of the building's keys is an important milestone, demonstrating we are making real progress towards opening the flagship building in the heart of Edinburgh next year.

"The building will bring together some 3,000 UK Government civil servants, helping them deliver high quality services for people across Scotland. I very much look forward to inviting the Cabinet to meet in the building once it is open for business.

“The Edinburgh Hub is a great example of the UK Government’s extensive support for the capital’s economy – which we are also driving through the ambitious Edinburgh and South East Scotland Growth Deal.”