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Recent Developments in Dundee May - November 2004

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Company Developments

Name	Information	Date
NCR	A new generation of cash machines Designed at NCR's advanced concepts laboratory in Dundee will enable users to access their accounts from an increasing number of outdoor locations.	
Serologicals	Serologicals a US based life sciences company has announced that it is keen to expand in Dundee. Serologicals who are in the process of acquiring another company in the sector with a European HQ in Dundee said yesterday the city's reputation in the field had played an important role in the decision to go ahead with the deal. It is thought that the deal cost \$205M.	16/10/04
VIS Entertainment	Dundee based computer games firm VIS Entertainment has been acquired in a multi million pound merger with a leading Californian games publisher. The Dundee and Edinburgh offices of VIS, which now employ 100 staff, will now become the production centre for BAM! Entertainment of San Jose.	
Office of the Scottish Charity Register (OSCR)	Dundee is to get a major boost of government jobs as a result of a crackdown on charities by the Scottish Executive. The Office of the Scottish Charity Register (OSCR) based in Dundee is to be given powers to enforce the new bill introducing new controls on the registration of charities, street collections, and the sale of goods which claim to benefit charities. OSCR's staff of a dozen is set to rise to about 40.	
Cyclacel	Dundee based biopharmaceutical group Cyclacel has begun clinical trials in the US for their drug CYC682. It is hoped that Phase 2 trials can start in 2005.	7/9/04
Cypex Ltd	<i>Biotech company Cypex has submitted a planning application to allow it to develop new laboratories on the MediPark in Dundee.</i>	15/10/04

Leisure Facilities, Restaurants & Pubs

Name	Information	Date
Bus Shelters	Bus shelters across the city are being replaced as part of a £12 million project to improve public transport. The council is offering over 200 old shelters to local organisations in a bid to put them to good use.	10/09/04
Dundee University Students Union	Dundee University Students Union is planning to open its 900 capacity venue Mono to members of the public in a bid to make it the best place in the city for concerts.	10/09/04
Fat Sams	Fat Sams nightclub had its planning application approved to extend the club upwards. The increased capacity will make it the city's biggest club.	01/05/04
Castle Green Redevelopment	The redevelopment of the Castle Green area of Broughty Ferry will continue with the improvement of the play area and paddling pool at a cost of about £400,000.	
Camperdown Park	Camperdown country Park is in line for a major development programme that will see more than £1 million spent on improvements.	20/08/04

Education

Name	Information	Date
"Count Me In"	"Count Me In" is collaboration between Dundee City Council and the Clydesdale Bank, which uses books and accessories to animate the learning process and strengthen mathematical concepts through story and rhyme.	21/09/04
PC Passport	A new national qualification to help people improve their knowledge and use of computers was launched in Dundee, PC Passport has been developed by the SQA and the uptake has been encouraging.	07/05/04
Harris Academy	School inspectors have judged that Harris Academy is doing well, but could do better.	15/06/04
Craigiebarns Primary	The school inspectors have praised Craigiebarns Primary School. They have complimented the school for its well-motivated, enthusiastic and welcoming pupils and highly inclusive approach to supporting pupils with visual impairment.	
<i>Extension to Forthill Primary</i>	<i>A planning application was lodged by the Director of Education for an extension to Forthill Primary School and also formation of community facilities on the site.</i>	28/05/04
<i>Technotots Nursery</i>	<i>A planning application was submitted by Technotots Nursery to develop a new nursery at Wester Gourdie Industrial Estate.</i>	28/10/04

Housing

Name	Information	Date
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South Victoria Dock	<i>A planning application by Forth Properties Ltd, Edinburgh was lodged to build 44 town houses and 208 flats on the land South of Victoria Dock</i>	14/09/04
Hilltown - Jamaica Works	<i>Hillcrest Housing Association have submitted a planning application to enable them to develop more than 30 properties (at a cost of £2.5M) on the former Jamaica's Work site.</i>	19/10/04
Kirkton Regeneration	The regeneration of a run-down area of Dundee is nearing completion. The city council is expected to approve a Servite Housing Association's plans to build 38 houses and flats in the Kirkton area (at a cost of £3M).	1/11/04
Ardler Regeneration	The second last of Ardler's multis have been demolished. A small crowd gathered and cheered as Ardler, Downfield and Edzell courts were brought down.	27/09/04
City Quay	<i>Outline consent for a new housing development at Dundee Harbour has been lodged with the city council.</i>	14/09/04
Arbroath Road	<i>A planning application has been lodged by P&S Developments to create 22 houses at 27 Arbroath Road.</i>	28/1/04
Whitehall Street	<i>A planning application was submitted by Grant Management to turn upper levels on Whitehall Street into 28 flats.</i>	28/10/04

Tourism

Name	Information	Date
Sensation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sensation science centre is to share in a £5.1 million package. The cash will be split between four Scottish science centre is expected to be followed by further funding from the Millennium Commission and local councils. 	22/06/04
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sensation is set to receive a major funding award of almost £1.4 million from ReDiscover, this funding is the highest to date in any of Scotland. 	20/09/04
Rise in Tourism spending	Visitor spending in Dundee and Angus is continuing to rise, with an increase of £36 million in the past three years.	10/07/04
McManus Galleries	The project to redevelop McManus Galleries to create a 21 st century visitor attraction has received a boost - £5M from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The project will take approximately 18 months.	23/9/04

Community

Name	Information	Date
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Douglas Learning Network	Dundee's Douglas Community and Library Centre was welcomed as part of the Scottish network of Quality Learning Centres. The centre, in Balmoral Avenue received a plaque from learn direct Scotland.	19/05/04
Charleston Neighbourhood Centre	Charleston Neighbourhood Centre received a grant of £190000 from the European Regional Development Fund to enable them to build an extension and refurbish existing space to ensure high quality services are available to local residents.	25/10/04

Events

Name	Information	Date
Book Prize	Three unpublished writers have been chosen as finalists for this year's Dundee Book Prize competition. A record number of entries prompted sponsor Polygon to publish three manuscripts instead of one.	27/09/04
Youth Parade	Dundee University rector Lorraine Kelly helped launch the Lord Provost's youth parade in the city. The parade kicked off a packed programme marking Dundee's first Discovery Week.	21/06/04
Blues Bonanza	Organisers of the tenth annual Dundee Blues Bonanza have estimated the total crowd at the three day festival of all things blues, had comfortably passed last year's total, with more venues taking part.	05/07/04
Dundee Mountain Film Festival	The Dundee Mountain Film Festival has grown to be one of the key events on the international calendar. It will be held on the weekend of 26 th to 28 th November,	21/07/04
Guitar Festival	The fourteenth Dundee Guitar Festival was hailed by musicians and audience alike as a world-class event.	26/07/04

Retail/City Centre

Name	Information	Date
Supermarkets open	Tesco is to open its new store on South Road, Dundee the same day as Somerfield's new store opens on Albert Street. Somerfield will create 15 new jobs and Tesco's will create 200 full and part time jobs to the city in its 30000 sq.ft. store.	16/09/04
Wellgate revamp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Scottish company, which last autumn bought Dundee's Wellgate Centre in a £55 million plus deal, has unveiled plans to invest up to £7M more over the next 3-5 years. A planning application has been lodged to enable the first phase of work to be undertaken at a cost of around £1M. The total number of units is set to decrease to 50 as some smaller units are merged to create larger spaces. New Look are one of the first new retailers to announce a move to the Wellgate Centre - due to move in December 04 from their current position on the Murraygate. 	07/05/04
JJB Sports - Retail and Leisure Development	Sports group JJB is on course to open its first combined fitness club and sports superstore development in Dundee in August 2005. It is anticipated that the store will have between 40 and 50 full time and part time staff and	

Development	the fitness centre a further 30. The outlet will total 27000 sq.ft. over 2 floors.	04/05/04
TK Maxx - Gallagher Retail Park	Phase 2 of the Gallagher Retail Park will also be home to the new TK Maxx Store. Currently underdevelopment, the new 34000sq.ft. store which is almost double the size of their existing store in the Wellgate Centre, is due to open on December 2 nd .	Nov 04
Former Arnotts Store Redevelopment	Dawn Developments, the company involved in the £20M redevelopment of the former Arnotts Store have announced pre-lets of 5 units - to Zara, Ottakars Bookshop, Slaters Menswear, The Original Shoe Company and Republic. Discussions are underway with regards to a 6 th unit.	Oct 04
Boots - Kingsway West	<i>A planning application has now been submitted to make alterations to a unit in Kingsway West Retail Park in preparation for the opening of the outlet in late summer or early autumn of this year.</i>	01/06/04
Overgate Centre	The Overgate Centre has secured 2 new retailers - Silverscreen and Thomas Kinkade Art Dealers.	Oct 04

Healthcare

Name	Information	Date
Ardler Cardio-Vascular Fitness Suite	A new cardio-vascular fitness room aimed at improving the health and fitness of local residents was officially opened at Ardler Complex.	08/06/04
Plans for Care Home and nursery	<i>G & J Sneddon lodged plans for permission to build a new care home and children's day nursery on land to the north west of Pitkerro Road</i>	14/09/04

Funding

Name	Information	Date
Dundee Sitter Service	The voluntary organisation, which provides a unique home-based childcare service, has been awarded £46,000 by the city council. The funds will enable up to 35 families to use the service.	08/09/04
Credit Union	The Discovery Credit Union is to get more than £70,000 of funding from Dundee City Council. The Credit Union provides savings and loan products that are simple, transparent and low cost.	14/09/04
Voluntary Sector Funding - Dundee City Council	Dundee City Council approved more than £2m in payments for services provided by voluntary bodies. More than 40 organisations will benefit.	24/08/04
Working for Families	Dundee City Council has been awarded £2million by the Scottish Executive for the Working for Families initiative. The money will be used to help parents back into work who are being prevented from doing so because of childcare barriers.	01/07/04
New Opportunities Fund for PE & Sport	Dundee City Council received £100,000 to refurbish and extend the existing sports pavilion at the Elliot Road playing fields. Today's award will provide school pupils with improved changing and showering facilities, which will also be used by community groups, and local sports clubs. The pavilion will also house a PE staff base and an equipment storage area, and will be fully accessible for people with special needs.	
Awards for All	A number of local organisations including, Art Angel, Menzieshill Centre Management Group, Barnhill Tots and Toddlers Group, Dundee Pensioners Forum, Dryburgh Community Association and Downfield Primary School, received grants of over £65000 from Awards from All.	23/11/04
Dundee Industrial Heritage Ltd	DIH received a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund of £39000 to enable them to undertake a structural survey and conservation plan for the Discovery.	May 05
Disabled & Carers Information Centre Assoc.	This group provides support to carers in the local area and has received a £30000 from the Community Fund to enable them to employ a worker who will attempt to find the hidden carers in the City and provide them with support and advice.	Sept 05
Bharatiya Ashram	Bharatiya Ashram received a grant of £18600 from the Scottish Arts Council to enable them to provide Indian dance, music and singing classes for up to 35 people.	May 05

Environmental Improvements

Name	Information	Date
Dundee Historic Environment Trust	Dundee Historic Environment Trust was launched by the Scottish Tourism minister the trust will be providing two grant schemes and giving advice, producing publications, organising events, exhibitions and activities.	06/09/04
Sand Martin Nesting Facility	Sand Martins have been successfully reintroduced to Broughty Ferry beach by the Safe Homes for Sand Martins project.	18/05/04
Gardyne's Land	<i>A project to restore and transform some of Dundee's oldest buildings - which date back to medieval times-has received a £1.5 million boost from the National Lottery.</i>	05/05/04
Broughty Ferry Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broughty Ferry beach has easily beaten the strictest pollution targets in the first of the summer's official water quality tests. • Broughty Ferry Beach is now a recommended beach in the Good Beach Guide 2004. 	20/06/04
Maggie's Centre	The Maggie's cancer care centre in Dundee, designed by the acclaimed architect Frank Gehry, has been named building of the year.	11/06/04
Solar Panels Kirkton	Dundee City Council is to pilot 3 different types of solar energy systems in houses in Kirkton. 30 houses will have solar panels fitted to their roofs - 10 of each type and their effectiveness will be measured over the course of one year.	15/10/04
Clean and Green	Dundee is to get £30 million to make it cleaner and greener over the next 15 years - funding was awarded to Dundee City Council by the Scottish Executive's Strategic Waste Fund to improve recycling and waste management in the City - delivering the objectives listed in the local Waste Management Strategy.	10/06/04

Further & Higher Education & Research Activity

Name	Information	Date
ITI Life Science	ITI Life Sciences, based at Dundee Technology Park, was set up in October last year and has a budget of £15 million to identify new markets across the world and secure key roles for Scottish universities and business.	11/05/04
Bio-scientists conference	Around 260 scientists gathered in Dundee at the Westpark Centre for a conference on cell signalling.	03/06/04
Dundee University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sir David Lane of Dundee University has become the first ever Ambassador for the Scottish Executive's Fresh Talent Initiative. He will forge links between Dundee University and the Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology in Singapore. • Dundee University moved a step closer to cementing its reputation for a world centre for scientific research as it was awarded a crucial £2 million grant by the Wolfson Foundation towards its £17.5 m Centre for Interdisciplinary Research. This announcement came just 2 weeks after £1M was awarded to the project by the European Regional Development Fund. • Dundee University researchers have won a £500,000 contract from the European Space Agency to develop the next generation SpaceWire computer networking system. • The study of colon cancer at the University of Dundee has just received a major boost of £1.2 million from Cancer Research UK Scotland to research how mutations start cancer <i>tumours</i>. • An engineering team at the University of Dundee has just secured funding to work with European colleagues on the construction of artificial corneas, which will allow all cornea replacements to go ahead without the patient having to wait for a donor. • The Sunday Times has named the University of Dundee Scottish University of the year - it was commended for top rating teaching excellence, highest graduate salaries north of Oxford, their new campus development and their access programme. • The University received a total of £27M of research funding between May and September. • Dundee University has launched Dundee University Press Ltd, to publish quality academic books with professional and wider audience appeal. • Dundee University recently opened the new Civil Engineering Research Laboratories at a cost of £1.25M which was funded by the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Sept 04</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sept 04</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Oct 04</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Nov 04</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Nov 04</p>

Further & Higher Education & Research Activity - continued

Name	Information	Date
Abertay University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work on the multi million pound student centre at Abertay has restarted with new contractor Stuart Milne at the helm. 	30/09/04
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The challenge of learning to speak another language could soon be getting easier, following a grant of almost £30,000 to researchers at the University of Abertay Dundee. 	25/05/04
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abertay University and one of its spin out companies have been chosen to play key roles in a major £1.5 million - plus research and development programme into games based learning. 	04/08/04

Infrastructure & Property

Name	Information	Date
Tayside House	<i>A £20 million replacement for Tayside House is central to plans for redevelopment of a prominent Dundee city centre site. The city council has prepared a draft site-planning brief for the area bounded by North Lindsay Street, South Ward Road and West Marketgait which outlines the kind of developments it would like to see.</i>	07/07/04
Technology Park	Industrial and Office accommodation firm Foxdown Properties has successfully pre let two new office buildings, neither of which is built yet, at Dundee Technology Park. One has been let to Upstate (recently acquired by Serologicals - see Company News above) as their European headquarters and the other to Dundee's Intermediary Technology Institute.	14/10/04
Dundee Harbour	The performance of Dundee Harbour showed " a good improvement" during the first half of this year, with tonnages passing through the port increasing over the corresponding period last year.	
Harbour Cycle Route	Construction of a long awaited cycle route through Dundee's harbour area is due to start. Funded jointly by Forth Ports and the city council, the £500,000 route is expected to take around 12 weeks to complete.	12/05/04
Taxis	The number of disabled access taxis in Dundee has rocketed by more than 10 fold in the space of a few months.	07/05/04
	Dundee Taxi Company has taken delivery of 5 wheelchair accessible London-style taxi cabs - the first of a planned 100 (40 to be on the streets before Christmas), costing the company £3M.	22/10/04
Bus Travel	Dundee is to receive £428,000 to improve public transport in the city. The money from the Scottish Executive will be used to make travelling by bus more attractive for the public by making it safer and easier to use.	27/05/04
	Dundee's public transport system has gone online as hi-tech kiosks became active. The scheme is part of Dundee City Council's drive to encourage more people to use public transport.	20/05/04

Infrastructure & Property - Continued

Name	Information	Date
Digital Media Park	Dundee is set to become one of the main digital media centres in Scotland, if plans for a £20 million development on the former rail yards in the city. Up to 1000 jobs could be created at the new Media Park site south of Perth Road.	31/07/04
Vision @ Seabraes	Seabraes Mill (the former manufacturing plant) is currently being transformed to create 8622sq.m. of business space for the digital media sector. Situated adjacent to the Perth Road and the new Digital Media Park the building will have a number of units starting at 188 sq.m. for rent.	Sept 04
West Pitkerro Industrial Estate	<i>Cedarstape Ltd submitted a planning application for 4 industrial units at Fowler Road, West Pitkerro Industrial Estate.</i>	15/10/04
City Centre Sites - Potential Redevelopment	<i>After lying empty for a number of years, 2 key sites in Dundee city centre could be redeveloped in 2005. Both sites - the former Coconut Grove and the Mitchell's Car Rental site on Marketgait (which had earlier been proposed as the site of a new hotel development). The Coconut Grove site could see commercial and leisure facilities whilst the Mitchell's site could still become hotel and office accommodation under the guidance of local property developer Bruce Linton.</i>	06/07/04
Property Online	A new property website has been launched as part of the ongoing drive to market Dundee's economic opportunities. The online property search facility lists hundreds of commercial properties across the city.	June 04
Dundee Waterfront	Tayside Road Bridge Joint Trust has agreed to sell land essential to the £270 million plans to transform Dundee's central waterfront area.	28/09/04