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# Advance the city's appliance of science

New Chairperson of Glasgow Science Centre will continue the venue's upward trajectory of achievement. By **Ken Mann**

It powers advanced economies and carries the capacity to inspire young people toward exciting careers with yet to be discovered job descriptions. Without pioneering science to disrupt the status quo, "modern" would be deleted from our vocabulary.

The march of positive society-changing progress can only be guaranteed if the next generation is inspired through the achievements of the past and present, gifting the legacy of a platform from which to explore the possibilities of the future.

Crucially, Glasgow Science Centre (GSC), and other important showcases like it, play a pivotal role beyond mere celebration, recognition and adding to a destination attractions list. Securing the new talent that accelerates invention is an inestimable but genuine spin-off. And its principals tell of it being seen as a "partner" to global industry.

It is perhaps one explanation for Sir Jim McDonald's eagerness in accepting the role of Chairperson at Glasgow

Science Centre when it became available in 2011, following in the footsteps and successful stewardship of the charismatic Sir Kenneth Calman, the Scottish cancer researcher and former Chief Medical Officer.

McDonald, an irrepresible proponent of empowerment through technology, is the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Strathclyde, one of Europe's most distinguished higher education hubs with significant focus on the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) agenda. The University is on its own journey to become a globally acknowledged technological institute.

His term as the Centre's Chairperson is, however, coming to an end. The search for a replacement is now under way; it will be a task for an adroit leader in governance, one who can demonstrate passion for the cross-discipline elements at the heart of GSC's purpose.

During interview, McDonald picks out several milestone moments from

his time at GSC but clearly prefers to accentuate the current agenda and those issues likely to occupy the time of his successor, examining its fit as a tool of both education and broader strategic communication.

Referencing the current requires at least some re-statement of history, however. "As well as the more tangible developments, such as the opening of our successful series of exhibitions, the permanent appointment of a Chief Executive has made a hugely positive impact," he explains.

"It's raised both the level of activity and awareness of the Science Centre, and has seen footfall increase by around 20 per cent. We now have productive relationships with senior business and industry figures across the energy sector, having forged investment partnerships with a number of organisations as part of our 'Powering the Future' exhibition, for example.

"As a result we've now raised over £5 million worth of global investment in

our exhibitions and products, which is an outstanding achievement.

"Challenges have included the objective of maintaining our funding stream from the Government, with whom we now have a valuable, on-going relationship." He openly mentions that amicable settlement of litigation proceedings relating to Glasgow Tower and its eventual re-opening, following a lengthy suspension to resolve stubborn technical issues, reinvigorated GSC's visitor draw.

Turning to the future, he contends: "Glasgow Science Centre is now considered as a platform through which science can be channelled, and its social relevance delivered, to the minds and hearts of the public. When organisations, particularly those associated with science, technology, engineering and maths, want to engage the public, the Science Centre is fast becoming the go-to place to do so.

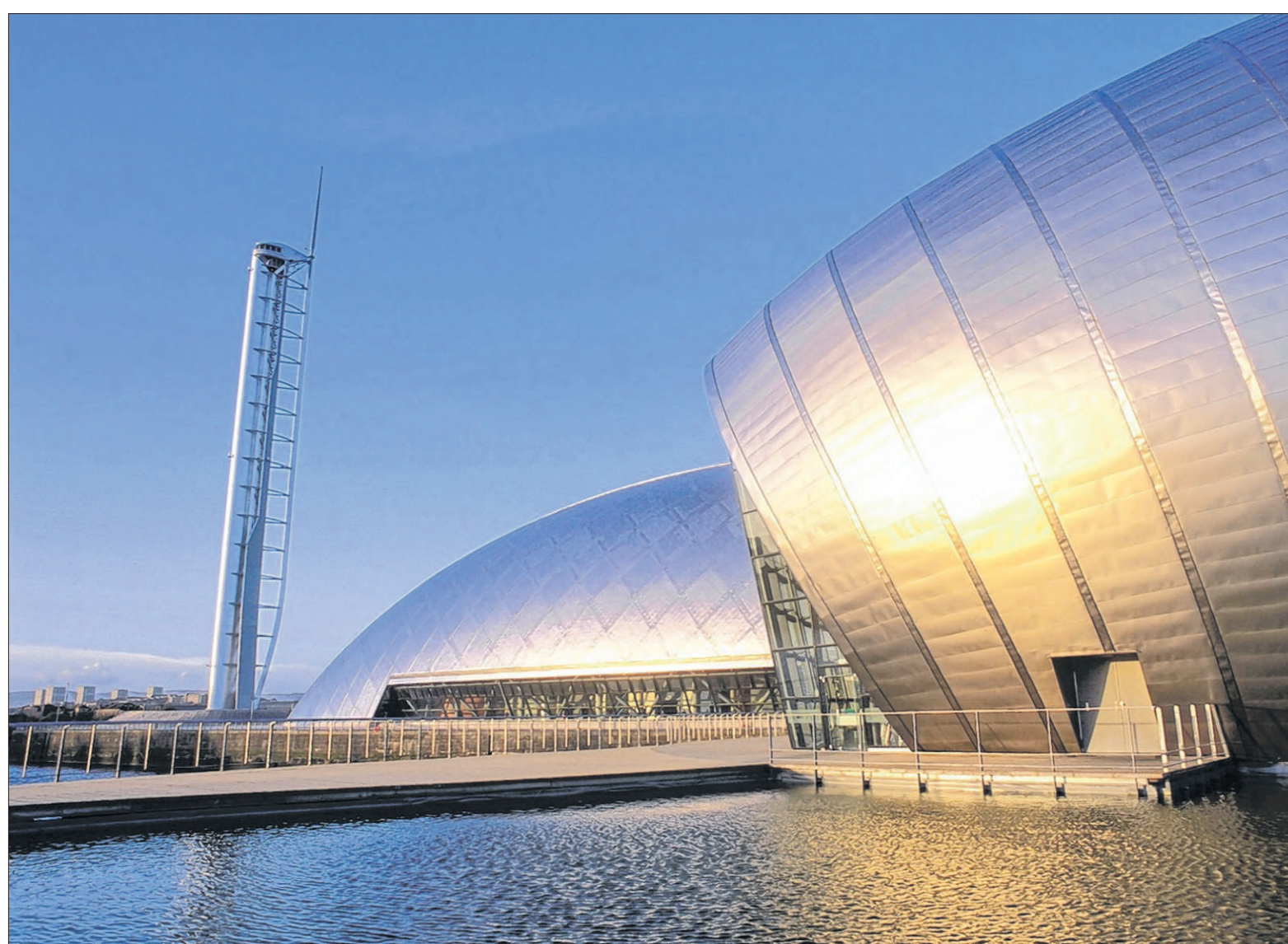
"Global industry now regards the Centre as an important partner, which

has significantly boosted its profile and reputation as a place of expertise which specialises in delivering outstanding outputs.

"The Science Centre is on a steep upward trajectory of development. Its growing profile, both at home and abroad, is positioning it as a national asset, and it is increasingly being recognised as one of the single best science centres in the UK."

In passing the metaphorical baton, he offers some lighter counsel, alongside his personal experience, that any selected new occupant of his seat might like to digest.

"My advice would be to have a lot of fun. If you put a lot in, you will get a lot out. From witnessing young people being able to better understand the role science plays in our everyday lives, through to the increased recognition the Centre now receives from potential partners, being Chairperson is an incredibly fulfilling and rewarding role."



SHINING EXAMPLE: A hugely popular and influential city attraction, Glasgow Science Centre is presently enjoying increased footfall of around 20 per cent.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

LOOKING back over the years, there have been several major milestones since Sir Jim McDonald took over the Chairperson role at Glasgow Science Centre. These include the:

- £2 million Body Works Exhibition in April 2013
- Opening of the state-of-the-art full dome digital planetarium in September 2014
- £1.5 million Powering the Future exhibition in December 2015
- Re-opening of the Glasgow Tower "a particularly proud moment for the Glasgow Science Centre", he says.

"Ensuring we built an outstanding executive team was seen as one of our main challenges," he further remarks.

## Employment - General

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