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Muse reveals start date for Chester business quarter

Work will start on the first stage of Chester's groundbreaking £100m Central Business Quarter early next year. Muse revealed the start date after winning unanimous backing for the first phase of the scheme from Cheshire West and Chester Council's Strategic Planning Committee.

The six-story building near the city's historic railway station will provide 70,000 square feet of office space, due for completion in 2015.

The scheme also includes the remodelling of part of the Grade II* listed station and adjoining Queen Hotel complex to create a new landscaped public realm area and 'gateway' from the station into the Business Quarter.

Phil Mayall, development director at Muse, said: "The Central Business Quarter is of huge strategic importance to Chester, representing the very definition of an attractive and sustainable development. It will deliver huge benefits to the city ensuring quality regeneration, the retention of existing businesses and the promotion of growth and inward investment."

By 2028, it is planned that Chester's Central Business Quarter will offer a total of 440,000 square feet of state-of-the art office space - housed in seven office blocks - creating around 3,500 jobs.

The 7.5-acre site will also include; 200 homes, restaurants, leisure facilities and car parking both for the station, offices and residents.

Said Councillor Herbert Manley, Executive Member, Prosperity: "This is timely and monumental step in helping to guarantee Chester's commercial future for present and future generations."