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Newcastle Office Market

Research, Q4 2020

OCCUPIER DEMAND

TAKE-UP (SQ FT) 31,912

NUMBER OF DEALS 8 MOST ACTIVE SECTOR

Charities 83%

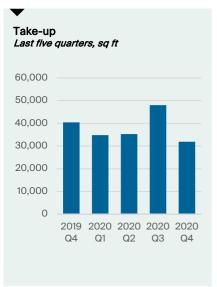
GRADE A AVAILABILITY (SQ FT) 225,000 VACANCY RATE (TOTAL MARKET)
6.4%

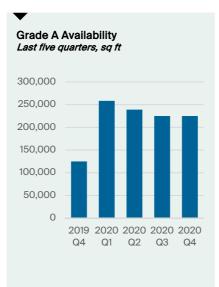
UNDER CONSTRUCTION (SQ FT)

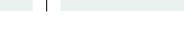
226,000

OCCUPIER SUPPLY

Note: All figures are city centre only

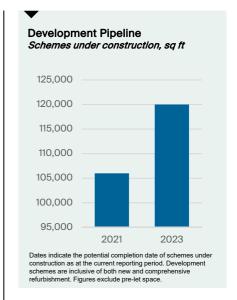






Building	Occupier	Size (sq ft)
1 Carliol Square	Rococo	25,482

KEY TRANSACTIONS







INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

VOLUMES £M

QTR vs 10yr AVERAGE +40% NUMBER OF DEALS

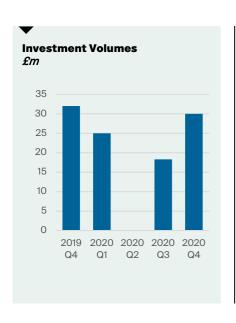
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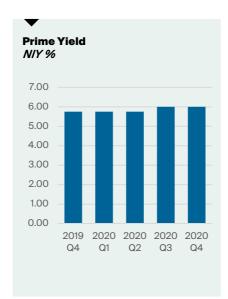
YIELDS PRIME CITY CENTRE
6.00%

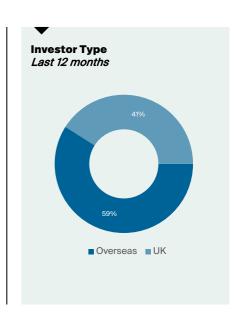
7.00%

FORECAST TOTAL RETURN

3.5% (PA 2020-2024)







Summary

Office take-up in the city centre was 31,912 sq ft, 35% below the 10-year quarterly average. Nonetheless, this meant that total take-up for the year rose to 150,018 sq ft. While this is 23% below the 10-year annual average, this total represents a 29% increase when compared to 2019.

Similarly, despite Covid restrictions hindering investor activity, a notable increase in investment volumes was recorded. During 2020, £73.50m of office stock was sold, a total 27% higher than 2019.

The roll out of vaccines have meant that business strategy will increasingly be focussed beyond the crisis. The shift away from offices is now expected to reverse quickly when allowed, contrasting the viewpoint earlier in the pandemic. There will be greater importance placed on securing the best quality space, meaning competitive pressure on prime stock availability in 2021.

KEY TRANSACTIONS

Building	Price £m	Buyer	Vendor
Strawberry Lane, 1	£30m	Canada Life	Ask RE Ltd

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