



# Derry seminar gets 'telehouse' insight

Derry's business and political leaders have been given an insight into how the city will benefit from the multimillion pound Project Kelvin.

Representatives from Hibernia Atlantic, the company behind the £28 million transatlantic project, were among the keynote speakers at a interactive seminar held in Derry on Wednesday.

Organised by Derry City Council and the city's Chamber of Commerce, the event aimed to give delegates a greater understanding of the opportunities that will arise from Kelvin - an EU, Stormont and Irish government backed project that will connect the North's existing telecommunications system to a high speed transatlantic cable.

Derry's Fort George is set to be the

attractive to international investment and how the Fort George telehouse should accelerate regeneration.

Derry Mayor Paul Fleming says that Project Kelvin is set to bring numerous benefits for existing technology businesses and new investors in the region.

"The project will bring international connectivity to Derry providing the island of Ireland with a world class telecommunications solution comparable to European cities such as Amsterdam, Glasgow and Manchester.

"It is important that we fully appreciate the advantages that Project Kelvin will yield," he said.

It is anticipated Project Kelvin will be fully operational from March of next year.

site of the project's "telehouse" facility, where the cable will connect to the existing communications infrastructure - a central location that could attract the world's top IT companies to the city.

Hibernia Atlantic's Fergus Innes said it was vital key stakeholders understood the benefits offered by Kelvin.

He told the 'Journal': "The seminar is a great example of how a joined up approach can help the local business community see how the new telecoms infrastructure will deliver faster, lower cost and resilient international connectivity. Telecoms infrastructure in Northern Ireland has always been good, it has just got a whole lot better."

Delegates were told how Project Kelvin will make the city more



The Mayor of Derry Councillor Paul Fleming pictured with, from left, Fergus Innes, Hibernian Atlantic, Pdraig Canavan, Singularity managing director and Chamber of Commerce vice president, and Derek Bullock, Hibernian Atlantic, ahead of the Project Kelvin business seminar held at the Derry City Council offices. (0409PG07)