

## **Executive Management Team**

The Executive Management Team at CITB NI comprises of Barry Neilson OBE, Chief Executive, William McMullan, Director, Rachel McKeeman, Director and Ashleigh McIlmurray, Finance Director. Please see profiles below.

### **Barry Neilson OBE Chief Executive, CITB NI**



Barry has a Civil Engineering background, starting work as an apprentice draughtsman and progressing to complete a BSc in Civil Engineering. He is a Chartered Civil Engineer and a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

Much of Barry's early career was with Civil Engineering consultancies. He has a strong background in the Housing Sector having worked with both the Scottish Special Housing Association and NHBC.

With strong views on the value and importance of training & developing people he joined the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) as Director for Scotland and worked closely with the construction sector to develop its expertise in construction management. He was seconded from CIOB to work with the Department of Business Industry & Skills and was instrumental in developing the TrustMark initiative. On completion of this work Barry stayed in the south east of England and took up the role of Director for Policy and External relations for the CIOB.

The ethos of developing people and skills was carried on in a brief diversion outside the construction sector while taking up the position as Scottish & NI Director with Cogent, the SSC for the Petrochemical, Polymer and Nuclear Industries. In May 2010, Barry Joined CITB NI as Chief Executive.

### **William McMullan, Director, CITB NI**



William has a Mechanical Engineering background, starting work as an apprentice and progressed through part time and full-time study to complete a HND in Mechanical Engineering and post graduate qualifications in Personnel and Training. He has held senior Human Resource and General Management positions and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development and Associate of the Chartered Management Institute.

William has been the Director of the Strategic Services Division of CITB NI since joining the organisation in 2004. He has responsibility for Careers, Marketing, Research & Development, IT, Standards & Qualifications and engaging with the NI construction industry and stakeholders to understand the training needs of the sector to ensure the standard and provision of training is sufficient to meet the training needs of the industry through the development and delivery of appropriate training strategies. William is a Board member of National Museums NI and member of the NMNI General Purposes & Finance Committee.

### **Rachel McKeeman, Director CITB NI**



Rachel McKeeman has been appointed Director of Industry Training & Support at Construction Industry Training Board NI (CITB NI). As part of CITB NI's Executive Management Team, Rachel will be involved in the strategic planning and development of the organisation. She will also be responsible for delivering Training in Partnership funding and programmes for the local construction industry, delivering training via CITB NI's Mobile Training Unit and onsite scaffolding centre, facilities management and skills competitions. She has over 10 years experience working at a senior level developing and delivering construction, training, auditing, apprenticeships and quality assessment programmes. Previous roles include Senior Area Manager Openreach Ltd and Regional Operations Manager at Premier Inn. Rachel was a board member for the Openreach Equality Board, advising on policy, diversity and inclusion.

### **Ashleigh McIlmurray, Director of Finance, CITB NI**



Ashleigh is a Chartered Management Accountant, employed by the Board since 2006 and a member of the senior management team since 2011. Ashleigh's accounting background includes experience within Northern Ireland Civil Service and Health & voluntary sectors. Her current responsibilities include accounting services, administration and collection of the statutory levy and the maintenance and payment of the grants to employers scheme.