

## **Executive Management Team**

The Executive Management Team at CITB NI comprises of Barry Neilson, Chief Executive, William McMullan, Director, David Cooper, Director and Ashleigh McIlmurray, Board Accountant. Please see profiles below.



### **Barry Neilson, 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 progressing to a HND in Mechanical Engineering. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development and has held senior Human Resource and General Management positions. He has been the Director of the Strategic Services Division of CITB NI since joining the organisation in 2004.

William has responsibility for engaging with the NI construction industry and stakeholders to understand the training needs of the sector and 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 also responsible for Marketing, IT, Standards & Qualifications and the Sector Skills Council.

**David Cooper, Director, CITB NI**



David is currently a Director of CITB NI. His trade background was in the Building Services sector of the construction industry.

David has been a staff member of the Construction Industry Training Board (NI) (CITB) for 25 years and has held a Senior Manager position for the past 12 years. David has been involved in competitions since he started with CITB firstly as a judge and then from 2005 – 2011 as Chairman of Skillbuild (NI) Ltd.

**Ashleigh McIlmurray, Board Accountant, 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.