



## CONFERENCE BIO

### **Dr Peter Parkes MBA FAPM**

Peter has held programme director roles in the public sector, private sectors, PPPs and 'big 4' management consultancies, delivering hundred million Euro projects in complex stakeholder environments. He was a main board director with the Association for Project Management and acted as champion for best practice groups, helping to establish those for governance, assurance and portfolio management. He is a popular author and speaker and as a director of Peak Performance helps organisations build delivery capability.

### **Des Armstrong**

**Director of Central Procurement Directorate  
Department of Finance & Personnel**

Des Armstrong is a Chartered Engineer; Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers; eminent Fellow of Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and Member of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply.

Des is responsible for developing procurement policy and best practice across the Northern Ireland public sector. He provides specialist advice to Government Departments on procurement and construction matters.

Des is a member of the Procurement Board for Northern Ireland; Chair of the Construction Industry Forum (CIFNI) and Chair of Business & Industry Forum (BIFNI). He is Head of Profession for Programme and Project Management (PPM) for NI Civil Service.

### **Mike Browne, BSc (Hons), MSc (Arch), ADip MC, FAPM, FCIQB, Hon FAPM**

Mike is an academic and international management consultant with over 30 years experience. He was formerly the Director, Centre for International Project Management, University of Ulster, Jordanstown, Co Antrim, Northern Ireland and currently the Course Director for the Masters Programme in Construction Business and Project Management – Full & Part time modes of study. He is a graduate of the University of Salford, University College London and Henley Management College. He has published widely and established significant international project management links.

He has undertaken international consultancy, professional practice and lectured in Europe, North and South America, Africa, Australia and Asia. His specialisms are reflected in numerous business, programme and project management assignments for public and private sector clients.

### **Gerry Murphy**

Gerry Murphy became Chief Operating Officer of the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) on 1 April 2013. The Chief Operating Officer is responsible for the overall management of the Authority as its accounting officer. She joined the ODA as Head of Finance in January 2009 and became its Director of Finance in February 2011.

Gerry was previously at the BBC, where she was Finance Director of BBC Workplace, the body responsible for managing the Corporation's property strategy and portfolio and, prior to that, Financial Controller of BBC Television. She joined the BBC in 1992, after qualifying as a chartered accountant with KPMG.

### **Gordon Alexander**

Gordon has worked as a Programme Assurance Executive for the Olympic Delivery Authority since May 2008. He has been the client lead for project controls including the implementation of Earned Value, development of an integrated plan and defining project reporting requirements. He has also been responsible for analysis of performance data, internal and external progress reporting and management of the government reporting interface, as well as for the development of a number of key processes including transferring control of venues to LOCOG and establishing the framework for ODA close out and dissolution.

Gordon previously spent 10 years in the Defence sector and worked across a broad range of projects including Information Technology, business change and engineering in both delivery and consultative roles.