LIBRARIES NI BOARD MEMBERS

ALDERMAN THOMAS BURNS
Alderman Burns is a Board Member of Safe Food Ireland and also serves on the Board of Governors of three local schools. He was previously a Chair of Crumlin Credit Union and a Member of the North Eastern Education and Library Board. Alderman Burns brings human resources management and project management skills and experience to the Board. He is a member of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council.

PROFESSOR BERNARD CULLEN
Chairperson of Libraries NI
Professor Cullen is Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Queens University, Belfast and a Training Fellow of the Institute of Psychoanalysis (London). He is Chair of the Board of Trustees of Parkanaur Residential College. A former Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at Queen’s, he has also been Vice-President of the Belfast and District Trades Union Council, President of the Irish Philosophical Society, President of the Irish Association for Cultural, Economic and Social Relations, Philosophy Consultant to the European Science Foundation Project on Social Justice, and Chair of the Ethics Committee of the British Confederation of Psychotherapists. Professor Cullen brings skills and experience in relation to equality and social inclusion, as well as considerable Chair experience to Libraries NI.

COUNCILLOR GARATH KEATING
Councillor Keating is a qualified solicitor and a Board Member of the Marketplace Theatre Advisory Board, Navan Fort Advisory Board, the Armagh City Centre Management Board and the Armagh Council Events Scrutiny Panel. He was previously Vice-President and Education Officer of Queen’s University Belfast Students’ Union. Councillor Keating brings leadership and corporate governance skills and experience to the Board, and is a member of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council.

MRS DEIRDRE KENNY
Mrs Kenny was previously Director of Corporate Services in OFMDFM, Director of Health Development in DHSSPS and Director of Road Safety and Vehicle Regulation in DOE. She has experience of gender equality and anti-discrimination issues, and also brings governance and financial responsibility skills to the Board.
COUNCILLOR DONAL LYONS
Councillor Lyons is Director of the South Belfast Partnership Board and a National Director of Event Bar and Catering, a not for profit socially focused enterprise. Within Belfast City Council, he has served on a range of committees including the People and Communities Committee. He has also served on the Boards of a number of organisations such as the Human Rights Consortium. Councillor Lyons brings financial management and understanding skills to the Board.

COUNCILLOR CATHAL MALLAGHAN
Councillor Mallaghan is a member of the Cookstown Policing and Community Safety Partnership. He is a Board Member of Pomeroy Development Projects, a local development group. Councillor Mallaghan brings experience of working on committees and strategic planning skills to the Board, and is a member of Mid Ulster District Council.

ALDERMAN STEPHEN MARTIN
Alderman Martin is a qualified corporate and commercial solicitor. He is a Foundation Governor of a Primary School and a Trustee for Lisburn Citizens Advice Bureau. Alderman Martin brings corporate governance experience and project management skills to the Board. He is a member of Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council.
COUNCILLOR STEPHEN MCIJVEEN
Councillor McIlveen is a Commissioner for the Equality Commission of Northern Ireland and a Board Member of the Victims and Survivors Service. He was previously a member of the Senate of Queen’s University Belfast and a Board Member of Ards Business Centre. Councillor McIlveen brings leadership and corporate governance experience and skills to the Board. He is a member of Ards and North Down Borough Council.

MR HARRY REID
Mr Reid is a partner in HRA, a specialist consultancy working in the field of disability and social inclusion. He was previously a Campaigns and Public Affairs Manager for RNIB, a Committee Member of Volunteer Now and is a former Assistant Librarian. He brings marketing and business planning skills to the Board, as well as public speaking experience.

DR MARGARET WARD
Dr Ward was Chief Executive of the Women’s Resource and Development Agency until her retirement in December 2013. She is a Board Member of the Consumer Council and National Museums NI. She brings experience of equality and social inclusion issues, as well as strategic planning skills to the Board.

COUNCILLOR BILLY WEBB MBE JP
Councillor Webb serves on the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council (ANBC), formerly the Newtownabbey Borough Council. He is the Vice-Chair of the ANBC Planning Committee and sits on the Policy and Governance Committee. Councillor Webb is the former Chair, and current Vice-President, of the NI Hospice, former Chair, and current Vice-Chair, of a Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and Chair of the Audit Committee of a Housing Association charity. He serves as a Member of the NI Rent Assessment Panel and is a Member of the Drainage Council. He was formerly employed by HMRC. Councillor Webb brings a range of skills and experience relating to strategy and financial understanding to the Board.