

## **Graham Watson**

### **Graham Watson, Executive Chairman, Scottish Health Innovations Ltd. (SHIL)**

Graham Watson LLB CA FRSA is an experienced non-executive director with a strong commercial track record.

He has a rich mix of recent non-executive and advisory responsibilities in Scotland, covering The Law Society of Scotland (where he is a member of Council), the Court of Heriot-Watt University (where he also chairs the Finance Committee), Scottish Futures Trust and North Lanarkshire Leisure Limited (where he also chaired the Audit Committee).

He is a former partner in a Big 4 accounting firm, with extensive experience of working with SME clients delivering business development and strategic planning programmes and leading change initiatives. During his career, he has initiated and executed over 100 corporate transactions, valued at over £2bn. He has lived and worked in Silicon Valley, as well as in Scotland, during his 35-year business career.

## **Robert Rea**

### **Head of Innovation, Scottish Health Innovations Ltd. (SHIL)**

Robert Rea holds a BSc (Hons) Developmental Biology, University of Edinburgh, (1998). He completed a Ph.D in Biology from the University of York in 2002, specifically in genetics of plant cell division, and completed post-doctoral research fellowships at Walter & Eliza Hall Institute, Melbourne, Australia in dendritic cell immunology, 2003-2004. After that, Robert worked at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia developing novel stem cell-based therapies for kidney disease between 2004-2006.

Robert became Automation Manager for Swedish biotech company Cellartis in 2007, and became Intellectual Property Manager for French biotech company Cellectis in 2010. He held the position of Business Development Executive at the University of St Andrews from 2013-2014, before joining SHIL as Head of Innovation in 2014.

## **Barbara Blaney**

### **Senior Incubation Manager, MediCityScotland**

Following a brief spell as a post-doctoral researcher, Barbara started her industrial career with Johnson & Johnson, followed by clinical project management in Boehringer Mannheim. She has held senior roles in business development in the public and private sector, and was the Scottish Director of the BioIndustry Association. Barbara joined MedCity Scotland from BASF Pharma (Callanish) Ltd, where she was Financial Controller and Communications Manager.

## **Fiona Mason**

### **Leader of Business Engagement, Edinburgh Napier University**

Fiona specialises in the commercialisation of IP and technology and in University- business engagement. She is skilled in IP management, in relationship building and in supporting the translation of academic research into tangible commercial opportunities. Fiona has over 12 years' experience in working with industry and has significant experience in developing key strategic business relationship accounts, the exploitation of research and innovation and in stakeholder development with external partners (industry, key funding bodies, Research Councils and Innovation Centres).