

# Aberdeen Harbour Expansion Project

## Meet the Team

**Hazel Matthew, AHEP Head of Internal Reporting**



### **Q. When did you join the AHEP team?**

A. I joined in July 2020 after Aberdeen Harbour took over the project.

### **Q. What does your role involve?**

A. I manage internal reporting, which involves ensuring all financial, programme and risk updates are reported internally, as well as managing project governance, procurement of the works, legal requirements, and support with the overall strategy of the project.

### **Q. What does a typical week look like?**

A. There is generally no two weeks the same! But typically, I'm involved in ensuring project reporting is produced in a timely manner, ensuring all key decisions and change controls are processed in compliance with internal governance, and discussing with the project team any key procurement items to be undertaken our contract points that need input from Aberdeen Harbour.

### **Q. What is it like working in a project team?**

A. I really enjoy being part of the project team and seeing the progress on site. When I first started working in procurement, the most valuable piece of advice I was given was to understand the works I'm support, and the team are great at taking the time to explain the technical detail of the works so I can give the team and the project the best support to successfully complete the project.

### **Q. What kind of work experience, training and qualifications do you have?**

A. I graduated from RGU with a BA in Law and Management and an Honours degree in Law. I started working in the procurement team for Aberdeen International Airport and AGS Airports (Aberdeen, Glasgow, and Southampton Airports) in my final year of university and worked my way up to Procurement Manager in the six years I was there, focusing on contracts, governance and category managing professional services across the group. I then I moved to Wood as a contracts advisor in their asset solutions team

covering Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia before starting at the Harbour Board.

**Q. What advice would you give to students or school leavers who may be considering a career in the construction or the port industry?**

A. The ports and construction industries provide great hands-on experience of working in a dynamic environment. There is so much that goes into the running of a port which I have found fascinating to learn about.

**Q. What does it mean to you to be part of a project like this?**

A. I think being part of a such a major infrastructure project is exciting and seeing the on site progress from when I started to now is enormous. Personally, being from Aberdeen, it is great to see something so important being built locally.

