



LEADERSHIP PATHWAY PROGRAMME

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The Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport

UNLOCK YOUR CAREER POTENTIAL

with ADEPT's new Leadership Pathway Programme

ADEPT's unique new leadership programme is designed for managers working in place services looking to elevate their career, make a meaningful impact and develop their skills as a future leader.

Developed in partnership with Solace, ADEPT's inspirational programme has been designed to meet the needs of managers looking to move into a more senior leadership role. It is the precursor to ADEPT's highly regarded Leadership Development Programme.

With climate change, levelling up and budgetary pressures at the forefront of local and national agendas, place leadership requires the constant balancing of strategic priorities with the ongoing provision of day-to-day services. It needs dynamic leadership as well as an ability to bring a cross-sector approach to the demands of the role. The Leadership Pathway Programme offers you a chance to explore and develop these skills to elevate your potential.

Created for people currently in an officer or manager role from Tiers 5 and 6 as well as potentially from Tier 7, depending on experience. Applicants need to demonstrate the ambition and ability to make a difference to their place, organisation and to ADEPT.

We welcome and encourage applications from individuals of all backgrounds, particularly from groups currently under-represented in place-based leadership roles.

Working with colleagues, place directors, course leaders and guest speakers, the programme will give you the opportunity to explore:

- Self-awareness and your personal brand
- EDI awareness and understanding and being an inclusive leader
- Creating a high performing team and leading a team
- Working across the organisation and collaboration
- Developing networks with colleagues from across the country
- Being an effective manager
- Leading for place
- Political astuteness
- Managing your career



What stood out was the safe space it created to explore new ideas, challenge existing practice and learn from others working in very different service areas.

It broadened my perspective and helped validate and refine my own approach.



The quality of the delivery was excellent - interactive, engaging and genuinely thought provoking.

The providers brought leadership concepts to life in a way that was practical and immediately relevant.



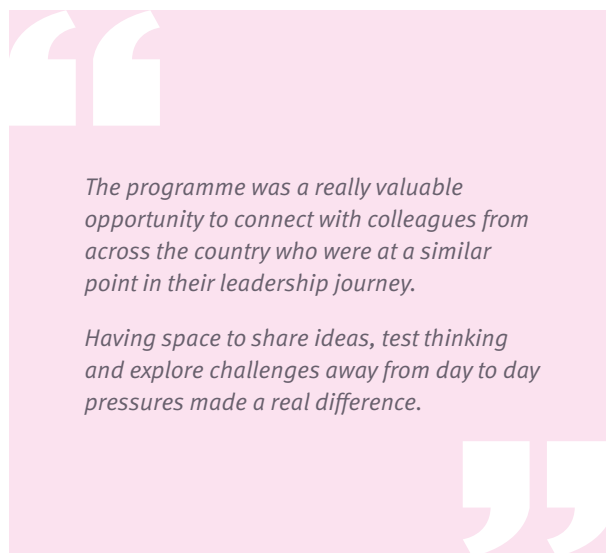
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Through a comprehensive schedule of online sessions and interactive module days, you'll gain the insights, tools, and strategies needed to thrive in a place-based leadership role.

Don't miss this opportunity to transform your career path and become an inspiring leader, helping to shape vibrant and sustainable communities.

Each programme will launch with a detailed overview of the aims, concepts and modules and an opportunity to network with colleagues. The two-hour online launch is followed by six module days:

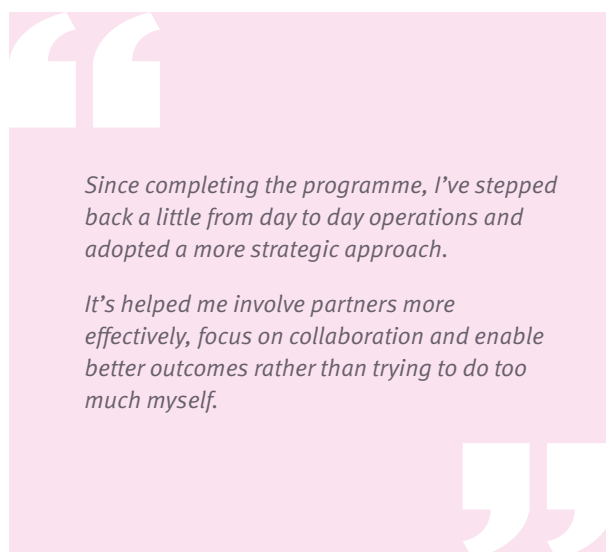
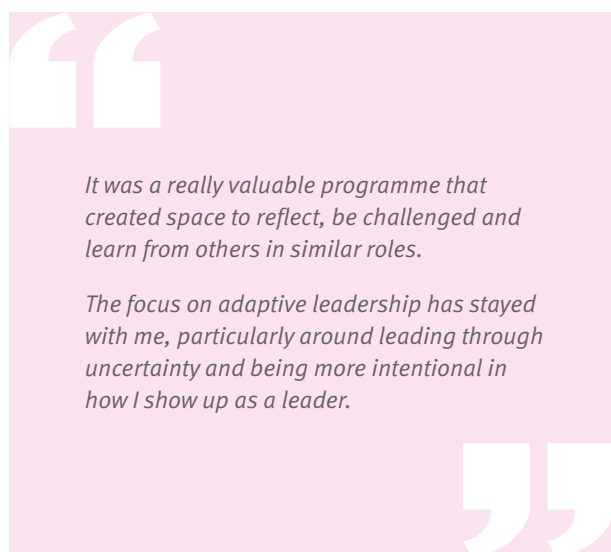
- Launch: 2-4pm, 14 September 2026
- Module 1: 30 September & 1 October 2026
- Module 2: 18 & 19 November 2026
- Module 3: 27 & 28 January 2027



We welcome expressions of interest from people of all backgrounds. ADEPT is committed to encouraging diversity, and people from ethnic minority backgrounds and other groups are currently less visible within place-based directorates.

We encourage applications from those who may not see themselves as “traditional” leaders, but who demonstrate potential, ambition and a commitment to inclusive leadership. All applicants will continue to be assessed on merit.

The entire programme costs £1,250* and we hope aspiring leaders will take advantage of a programme designed specifically for them. The deadline for applications is midnight on Tuesday 30th June 2026.



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* Costs do not include accommodation and are subject to VAT at standard rate.

LEADERSHIP PATHWAY PROGRAMME CONTENT

Launch session

- Overview of the programme and brief look at key topics
- Networking
- Setting personal learning objectives
- Considering how to fit learning around day jobs

Module 1

- Self-awareness and personal brand
- Creating a development timeline
- How to reassess and maintain your boundaries when you become a manager
- Managing stress when it all rests on “your” shoulders
- Managing and leading
- Understanding place: opportunities and challenges
- Moving from a technical specialist to a manager with a wider perspective: moving from a problem focus to an outcome focus
- EDI awareness and understanding and being an inclusive leader.

Module 2

- Moving from an operational to a strategic mindset
- Creating a high performing team
- Delegating and managing performance outcomes
- Political awareness
- Working with politicians
- Working across the organisation and crafting shared outcomes
- Effective partnership working
- Influencing skills

Module 3

- The role of the leader in 21st century local authorities
- Developing others
- Coping with uncertainty: Cynefin model
- Appreciative enquiry exercise: when I’m at my best as a manager and leader
- Next steps in personal leadership journeys

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Solace exists to enable you to reach your full potential, whether you're an organisation looking to develop your talent and attract the best in the business, an executive leader looking for access to industry expertise and an extensive network of forward-thinking professionals, or an individual at the start of your career in search of career guidance.



**Great professionals enable great places.
Solace is the network that makes it happen.**

JOIN US TODAY

Membership of ADEPT offers numerous benefits to you and your organisation.

- A voice in contributing to government policy and initiatives
- A forum for networking and the exchange of ideas
- A chance to work with regional strategists and policy makers
- Use of ADEPT's extensive online resources and network

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