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

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Introducing the Energy System Change training programme

The Leadership Team recommends members:

- Note the development of ADEPT's new Energy System Change training programme.
- Support the promotion of the programme within their organisations.
- Attend and/or encourage senior leaders and officers from relevant services to participate.

1. Background

The UK energy system is undergoing significant change, with major investment planned in energy generation and network infrastructure over the coming decade. Decisions being made over the next two years, including electricity network business plans, the National Spatial Energy Plan and Regional Energy Strategic Plans, will influence energy infrastructure investment through to 2033. Energy is increasingly a strategic place-shaping issue affecting growth, housing delivery, transport, resilience, economic development and community wellbeing.

In response, ADEPT has developed a new Energy System Change training programme to help local government officers understand, influence and lead energy system change, ensuring that investment in local areas supports wider place-based ambitions.

2. Overview of the programme

The programme has been co-designed with ADEPT and shaped by feedback from local authorities, Mayoral Combined Authorities and strategic partners. It will be delivered by Sheryl French of Cambridge Climate Ltd and Louise Marix Evans of Quantum Strategy & Technology Ltd, supported by expert speakers from local government and the energy sector. The training is CPD certified.

The programme is designed around two complimentary offers:

- **Leading Local Energy System Change for Growth and Place -** a 90-minute live online webinar for place directors, their senior teams and leaders, focused on vision, leadership and influence. Two identical sessions will be offered. Attendance is free.
- **Delivering Energy System Change in Practice -** a regional, face-to-face one-day training programme for officers across planning, transport, housing, climate, regeneration, property, finance, legal, economic development, skills and communities, focused on practical, cross-service delivery. The programme will be delivered at five locations across England, with delegates attending the session in their region. The training days cost £250 per person for ADEPT members and £350 per person for non-members.

Next Steps

The programme is being launched at the Autumn Conference as one of the first new offers within the ADEPT Place Academy. Bookings will open shortly for the webinar and regional training programmes, with delivery taking place between December 2026 and April 2027.

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