

# EXCELLENCE IN PLACE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

2021



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## Creating an environment for change demands fresh thinking

As part of our commitment to driving innovation, ADEPT is launching its second *Excellence in Place Leadership* programme, in partnership with Amey.

We want to bring together forward-thinking 'thought leaders' from across ADEPT to examine the key issues and opportunities affecting our sector.

Together, we will create a forum to:

- Shape the way ADEPT members do business
- Create an environment for change
- Catalyse fresh thinking
- Influence strategy across place

Commencing in early 2021, there will be four one-day sessions over a 12-month period, hosted by an independent facilitator:

- **22 January 2021**
- **26 March 2021**
- **11 June 2021**
- **10 September 2021**

**We want to create an enduring, self-sustaining and inclusive professional network of thought leaders and influencers, so we are looking for a diverse and inspiring group of 10-12 people who can, and will, make a difference.**

The 2019/2020 cohort covered the following topics:

- Innovation in procurement
- Making green finance work
- Delivering customer-centric place services
- Leadership in a climate emergency

Outputs from these sessions included a thought piece on a place-based approach to public procurement and the publication of our Green Finance toolkit.

Typically each session includes keynote thought leaders, structured discussions and activities to create thought pieces, policy proposals, blogs and articles that can be shared with a wide range of audiences to challenge and stimulate conversation.

We will hold a preliminary briefing with the programme team and new cohort before Christmas 2020 to decide the first topic for the 2021 programme. Topics for future sessions will be agreed and developed via an organic process by agreement within the group.



## Feedback from our 2019/2020 programme

*“The EiPL programme has been great; really thought-provoking and the insights from the expert speakers and other participants have really helped me to develop my understanding and inform my future approach on a variety of topics and issues. I would definitely recommend it to other place leaders”*

**Paula Hewitt, Somerset County Council**

*“Reflecting on the programme... for me, it definitely broadens horizons and in a day job that can leave you focused on potholes and blocked gullies, keeps ambition alive.”*

**James Bailey, Staffordshire County Council**

*“Being part of the programme has broadened my knowledge base and certainly provided me with the foundation to develop a step change in ‘place’ delivery.”*

**Dean Sargeant, Telford & Wrekin Council**

*“If you are looking for a development opportunity that enhances your knowledge and challenges your understanding of subjects relevant to place leaders, then this is the opportunity for you!”*

**Mandy Bishop, Bath & North East Somerset Council**

## Application Process

- Exclusive to ADEPT members
- Participants need to commit to the full 12-month programme
- Participation is free (but does not include travel or subsistence costs)
- Focused on director level officers, we will also consider emerging ‘place’ leaders, as part of a pathway leadership development programme or thought leaders in their field. We will also consider thought leaders who are not necessarily working at director level within their organisation.
- Expressions of interest should be submitted using the form available on the ADEPT website no later than Friday 27 November.

ADEPT and Amey are committed to encouraging diversity and inclusion.

## Through its engagement with key issues, the group will make a critical contribution to the future place shaping agenda.

Creating new strategies for transformation and development, we want to build a parity of knowledge that can be widely shared, adding value to programmes such as ADEPT’s SMART Places Live Labs.

Building networks and partnerships is part of ADEPT’s core business and this programme will be no exception. Excellence in Place Leadership will facilitate networking and support new and existing relationships, not only between members, but also with the key speakers and organisations that will be invited to share their knowledge and expertise.

## Together, ADEPT and Amey are building excellence in place leadership.



### About Amey

Our team of 16,000 provides consulting and infrastructure support services. We make a difference by designing, building, maintaining and investing in our country's services and infrastructure including the UK's road and rail infrastructure, keeping schools safe and clean, managing the UK's defence estate, safely escorting prisoners and keeping prisons and courts secure. We also collect and process waste, as well as deliver key utilities services. All of this is underpinned by our leading consulting capabilities which uses engineering design and data analytics to better manage the services we all use and rely on.

Our collaborative approach means our clients trust us to deliver. We prioritise concerns and work in partnership with communities and clients – to help meet goals and overcome any challenges along the way. We believe in sharing our knowledge and learning from best practices. It's how we make sure we do things a bit better every day to create safer, smarter and sustainable places.

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### About ADEPT

The Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport (ADEPT) represents local authority county, unitary and metropolitan directors. Operating at the strategic tier of local government, members are responsible for delivering public services that primarily relate to the physical environment and the economy, but which have a significant impact on all aspects of the nation's wellbeing. ADEPT represents members' interests by proactively engaging central Government on emerging policy & issues, promoting initiatives aimed at influencing Government policy, and through the development of best practices and responding to European and UK Government initiatives and consultations. Our wider membership includes Local Enterprise Partnerships, Combined Authorities, Sub-national Transport Bodies and Corporate Partners.

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