



Benefits of ADEPT Membership

Introduction

The Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport (ADEPT) is a dynamic and ambitious organisation that is expanding its membership base and partnerships to reflect the fluid character of the modern public sector.

While the Association is rooted in the top tier local authorities, with leadership drawn from place-based directors, membership from Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) is growing and we have recently welcomed combined authorities and Sub-national Transport Bodies (STBs) as members.

ADEPT has opened its doors to corporate partners, drawn from the key private sector organisations that work in partnership with local authorities to deliver core services. They reflect our broad portfolio of interests and include companies specialising in transport, critical infrastructure and construction, environment, digital communications and professional services.

ADEPT membership benefits

- Networking opportunities with colleagues from the top tier local authorities, combined authorities, LEPs, STBs and our corporate partners
- Networking opportunities with key Government departments and agencies and other professional bodies
- Access to best practice, peer support and shared expertise through sub-national and subject boards
- Access to technical workshops, round table discussions and seminars including our exclusive partnership with Proving Services
- Access to ADEPT's Leadership Development Programme for aspiring Place Directors and Excellence in Place Leadership programme
- Professional development opportunities for core team members through extended membership
- Opportunity to participate in research programmes and initiatives such as the SMART Places research programme
- Autumn Conference (21 & 22 November 2019) – with specialist workshops and guest speakers drawn from the public and private sector
- Spring Conference (21 May 2020) – with guest speakers and the opportunity to take part in ADEPT's annual policy review, followed by the Annual Dinner & President's Awards
- Access to ADEPT's online resources
- ADEPT monthly newsletter and other publications

Networking

One of ADEPT's core strengths lies in its relationships, both with colleagues across the public sector, similar organisations such as ADPH, Government departments, national agencies and

our private sector partners. Throughout the year we offer a range of opportunities to meet with members and partners from across the country, through key events such as our conferences as well as board meetings, working groups and round tables.

Increasing our membership base has brought a new dimension to our work with Government and key national agencies, shaping our approach to partnership, national and supra-national consultation and advising opportunities.

Boards and working groups

- Engineering (including bridges, street lighting, asset management, soils & materials design & specification)
- Environment (including waste, flood & water management, energy, climate change & natural capital)
- Transport & Connectivity (including traffic systems, traffic & safety, rights of way, National Traffic Managers' Forum, digital connectivity)
- Sustainable Growth
- Boards in the South West, South East, East of England, Midlands, Yorkshire & Humber, North West and North East

ADEPT's Boards operate at a sub-national and subject based level, providing ongoing support for members, with most areas of the UK represented. They come together to facilitate strategic thinking, formulate policy, advise Government and share best practice, attracting high-calibre speakers. Board chairs are all members of the Leadership Team and shape the direction and work of the organisation.

Sat below the Subject Boards are the specialist working groups, which are often called upon to participate in research opportunities. They share technical knowledge, providing advice and representing members' interests, while supporting ADEPT policies and priorities on national bodies and other working groups.

Leadership development and continuing professional development

ADEPT is committed both to encourage a more diverse organisation and to support the progression of women into leadership. We want to prepare and inspire upcoming directors to take the next step in developing their careers, whether as specialists or, vitally as Place directors. We offer a leadership development initiative which will be underpinned by a mentoring programme; and have recently launched a thought leadership programme.

Membership of ADEPT is not restricted to one director per organisation. The membership package enables each director to include up to 6 members of their teams to take advantage of the resources that ADEPT provides. Working groups, in particular offer unique networking and professional development opportunities, discussing issues of local and national interest and giving team members access to the latest information and technical expertise.

Research and Development

In collaboration with key corporate partners, ADEPT provides opportunities for participation in research and development programmes. Our SMART Places research programme is well underway, with 8 Live Lab pilots examining the opportunities and challenges of rolling out digital technology across the locally managed and maintained highways network. We are a partner with Proving Services, and involved with the *Future Highways Research Club* plus the new *Future Waste & Recycling Research Club*.