

ADEPT SMDS meeting 2 March 2017

The SMDS meeting was held at London Councils in the morning of 2 March and following review of previous meeting the summer workshop was discussed and fixed for 6 July in Wolverhampton. Initial thoughts centred on a variety of subjects and a working title is "Pavement materials in the round". A paper was presented on Ultigrip and was agreed as the ADEPT advice to members in order to clarify the certification that had been awarded and the performance measured. Discussion took place on the following:

- National Standard for repairing potholes – not recommended however an advice note directing members to sources of information was considered a good idea.
- Feedback from UK Pavement Liaison Group and BSi Committee representatives.
- Friction after polishing test is proposed to replace the current standard PSV test and it is essential that industry and members understand what the test data means and the comparison with current data hence aggregate performance.

Opportunity was taken to express thanks to David O'Farrell for his contribution to the Group and representation of ADEPT on various committees over many years. David spent many years at Cumbria CC and latterly worked for PTS from where he is retiring.

In the afternoon a joint meeting was held with Asset Management Group and the CEO of RSTA shared progress on various RSTA/ADEPT documents. The Highways England representative shared progress with SHW updates, DMRB and the use of roller compacted concrete. Regarding DMRB and the update to a document to meet HE requirements can be expanded to include a National Annex to serve LA roads if a body produces it. Discussion centred on the use of surface treatments as surface course alternatives considering preventative v structural solutions; skid resistance and specifying outputs v inputs without compromising durability and how to determine durability based on what performance parameters.