**East of England Board update May 2018**

After a brief period of limited activity the East of England Board has set a new focus with two types of meeting. For informal networking we will be holding an evening dinner to share knowledge and experience for Place Directors and LEP colleagues.

The first of these was held in April 2018 and was also attended by the ADEPT President, Simon Neilson. It was a good opportunity to hear his reflections on his year in office and some thoughts about future direction. Hosted by Guidant, we discussed some of our ‘people-related’ issues in recruitment, development and retention. As there were several Directors who hadn’t been to meetings before it was also a useful opportunity to outline what being a member of ADEPT provides.

**Laura Church**

**Chair**