**ADEPT Planning, Housing & Regeneration Board Meeting 8 February 2018**

The Planning Housing and Regeneration Board met on 8 February 2018 in London. The meeting was attended by ADEPT President Simon Neilson who gave an update on his Presidential themes for the year.

This was followed by a brief presentation from Richard Harrington, Chief Executive of the Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership, on the roll-out of industrial strategy locally. Richard referred to the significance of the recent proposals for the Oxford-Cambridge corridor which covered four LEPs.

The Board also received a presentation from Katy Lock of the Town and Country Planning Association on the government’s garden villages, town and cities programme and the new All Part Parliamentary Group (APPG) on New Towns. Katy discussed how ECO Towns have progressed to latest version of garden settlements and New Towns.

The Board meeting concluded with a presentation from Bevis Ingram from the LGA on Business Rate Retention. Bevis recapped the story so far and the current position. He referred to the interplay between Business Rates Retention, Fair Funding Review and any future Spending Review.

The Board had an interesting discussion on these presentations and their significance for place-making. The next meeting of the Board is a joint meeting with the Environment Board.