

Annual Conference 2017:
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Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th November 2017
Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport

DAY ONE	
8.30	Registration and Refreshments
9.30	Welcome & Introduction Simon Neilson, ADEPT President / Walsall Council
	Plenary Session 1 How will the Government refocus its agenda in the post-election, pre-Brexit world? Chair: Simon Neilson, ADEPT President / Walsall Council
9.45	Paper 1. Where next for the Industrial Strategy? Alex Williams, Head of Sector Deals, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
10.00	Paper 2. Investing in Infrastructure: What are the challenges and opportunities to delivering infrastructure fit for the future? Adam Cooper, Policy & Engagement Director, National Infrastructure Commission
10.15	Paper 3. Tackling the national housing shortage and working with local government to unlock increased housing supply and transform the market Tom Walker, Deputy Chief Executive, Homes & Communities Agency
10.30	Q&A session
11.00	Refreshment Break
	Plenary Session 2 Delivering a sustainable future: what are some of the challenges and opportunities ahead of us? Chair: Nigel Riglar, ADEPT Vice President / Gloucestershire County Council
11.30	Paper 1. A manifesto for a greener UK: delivering ambitious environmental outcomes Tamsin Cooper, Strategy Director, Green Alliance Coalition
11.45	Paper 2. Energy futures: how do we navigate pathways through the uncertain energy landscape? Marcus Stewart, Head of Energy Insights, National Grid
12.00	Paper 3. Big data, smart systems: how does local government harness the power of big data to find creative solutions? Nabil Abou-Rahme, Head of Smart Infrastructure, Mott MacDonald
12.15	Q&A session

12.45	Lunch
14.00	Workshops
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Making public rights of way and other highways an asset (and not an obstacle) for developments and communities Chair: Mike Ashworth, Chair - ADEPT Transport Board / Derbyshire County Council Speaker: Paul Newark, Senior Public Rights of Way Officer, Birmingham City Council 2. The impact of Industry 4.0 on the highway sector Chair: Parvis Khansari, Chair - ADEPT Engineering Board / Wiltshire Council Speaker: Yogesh Patel, Process & Improvement Director, Ringway 3. Future energy systems: how do local authorities enable 'energy smart' places, and potentially also become energy generators of the future? Chair: Ian Crummock, Chief Executive Officer, Cobalt Energy Speakers: Dr Alastair Martin, Chief Strategy Officer, Flexitricity & Cheryl French, Project Director, Mobilising Local Energy Investment, Cambridgeshire County Council 4. How digital innovation can deliver more efficient and effective place-based services Chairs: Neil Gibson, ADEPT Vice President / Buckinghamshire County Council & Sonia Davidson Grant, SDG Consulting Speakers: David Binding, Group Commercial Director, Ringway & Alan Dinsdale, Business Development Director, Kier 5. Creating resilient places Chair: Rupert Clubb, Immediate Past President / East Sussex County Council Speaker: Kathy Oldham, Chief Resilience Officer, Greater Manchester Combined Authority
15.00	Refreshment Break
15.15	Workshops (repeats)
16.15	Refreshment Break
16.30	<p>Roundtable hackathon: Tackling the thorny issue of air quality Chair: Paula Hewitt, Chair - ADEPT Environment Board / Somerset County Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Houda Al Sharifi, Director of Public Health, Richmond & Wandsworth / Association of Directors of Public Health • Andrea Lee, Healthy Air Campaigner, Client Earth
17.45	Summary & End of Day One Programme
18.15	ADEPT General Meeting
19.30	Drinks Reception
20.00	Dinner

DAY TWO	
8.00	Registration (new arrivals only) and Refreshments
9.00	Welcome
	<p>Special Plenary: The ADEPT 50 / 50 Leaders Network</p> <p>Over 75% of the local government workforce is women, yet only one in four LAs directors is female. How can ADEPT encourage and support more women into leadership roles?</p> <p>Chair: Rupert Clubb, Immediate Past President, ADEPT / East Sussex County Council</p> <p>Speakers: Liz Parkes, Deputy Director, Environment Agency & Benita Mehra, President, Women's Engineering Society</p>
10am	<p>Plenary Session 3</p> <p>Working in partnership with the private sector</p> <p>Chair: Neil Gibson, ADEPT Vice President / Buckinghamshire County Council</p>
10.10am	Paper 1. Examining the role of digital in creating places Jason Pavey, Market Director Local Transport, Transportation, Atkins
10.25am	Paper 2. A private sector view of post-Election, pre Brexit, economy and challenges Scott Wardrop, Chief Executive, Ringway
10.40am	Paper 3. Transforming public services delivery Neil Sartorio, Partner - Local Public Services, EY
10.55	Q&A session
11.10	Refreshment Break
11.25	<p>Plenary Session 4</p> <p>Funding in the future</p> <p>Chair: Darryl Evers, ADEPT Vice President / Staffordshire County Council</p>
11.30	Paper 1. Funding delivery of the Industrial Strategy Simon Ridley, Director General, Department for Communities & Local Government
11.45	Paper 2. What might a model for regional funding post Brexit look like? Councillor Kevin Bentley, Chair, Local Government Association Brexit Task & Finish Group
12.00	Paper 3. What are the implications of localism for local government spending? Professor Tony Travers, Director of LSE London
12.15	Q&A session
12.30	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Simon Neilson, ADEPT President</p>
12.45	Lunch and Close of the Conference