



Association of Directors of
Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport

Annual Conference 2017:

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Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th November 2017

Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport

| DAY ONE | |
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| 9.00 | 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? |
| 10.00 | Paper 2. Devolution, the Mancunian way |
| 10.15 | Q&A session |
| 10.45 | Paper 3. Investing in Infrastructure: What are the challenges and opportunities to delivering infrastructure fit for the future? |
| 11.00 | Paper 4. More than just a house, it's a home: How will the government deliver on its housing ambitions? |
| 11.15 | Q&A session |
| 11.45 | 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 |
| 12.00 | Paper 1. A manifesto for a greener UK: delivering ambitious environmental outcomes Tamsin Cooper, Strategy Director, Green Alliance Coalition |
| 12.15 | Paper 2. Energy futures: how do we navigate pathways through the uncertain energy landscape? Marcus Stewart, Head of Energy Insights, National Grid |
| 12.30 | 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 |
| 12.45 | Q&A session |
| 13.15 | Lunch |

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| 14.15 | 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 2. The impact of Industry 4.0 on the highway sector 3. Future energy systems: how do local authorities enable 'energy smart' places, and potentially also become energy generators of the future? 4. How digital innovation can deliver more efficient and effective place-based services 5. Emergency planning: learning lessons from recent incidents |
| 15.15 | Refreshment Break |
| 15.30 | Workshops (repeats) |
| 16.30 | Refreshment Break |
| 16.45 | <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 Lea, 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 |
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| 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: Alison Baptiste, Environment Agency & Cllr Sion Timoney, Luton Borough Council</p> |
| 10am | <p>Plenary Session 3</p> <p>Working in partnership with the private sector Chair: Neil Gibson, ADEPT Vice President / Buckinghamshire County Council</p> |
| 10.10am | <p>Paper 1. Examining the role of digital in creating places Jason Pavey, Market Director Local Transport, Transportation, Atkins</p> |

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| 10.25am | Paper 2. A private sector view of post-Election, pre Brexit, economy and challenges Scott Wardrop, Chief Executive, Ringway Infrastructure Services Ltd |
| 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 | Plenary Session 4 Funding in the future Chair: Darryl Evers, ADEPT Vice President / Staffordshire County Council |
| 11.30 | Paper 1. What's the future for local government funding? Alex Skinner, Director, DCLG |
| 11.45 | Paper 2. What might a model for regional funding post Brexit look like? Councillor Kevin Bentley, Chair, LGA 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 | Closing Remarks Simon Neilson, ADEPT President |
| 12.45 | Lunch and Close of the Conference |