

ADEPT Conference 2017, 23-24th November

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The Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport

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ABOUT THE 2017 CONFERENCE

As Place Directors know only too well, the future is an ever-changing landscape.

Digital technologies provide the tools to enable innovation, while at the same time, posing new and very different challenges that will change the way we live and work.

Big data and smart systems require the creation of a broad range of new skills, partners, networks and alliances to take advantage of this shifting world.

ADEPT members are already working within an environment of infrastructure deterioration, housing need, air pollution and climate change, while creating the conditions for increased productivity and sustainable growth.

We must also look ahead, building infrastructure and creating strategies that are fit for purpose post 2035, laying the foundations for community resilience and service continuity.

The ADEPT Conference 2017 provides the opportunity to celebrate our successes in preparing for the future and to hear from challenging voices on the direction of travel needed in place shaping for tomorrow.

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PROGRAMME DAY 1 - Thursday 23rd November (subject to change)

- 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
- 9.45 **Paper 1. Where next for the Industrial Strategy?**
- 10.00 **Paper 2. Devolution, the Mancunian way**
- 10.15 Question & Answer 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 Question & Answer 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 (invited)
- 12.15 **Paper 2. Energy futures: how do we navigate pathways through the uncertain energy landscape?**
Cordi O'Hara, Director of UK System Operator, National Grid (invited)
- 12.30 **Paper 3: How digital innovation can deliver more efficient and effective place-based services**
Neil Gibson, Buckinghamshire County Council & Sonia Davidson Grant, CDG Consulting
- 12.45 Question & Answer session
- 13.15 **Lunch**
- 14.15 **Workshops**
- 1. Public Rights of Way and other highways:** how to make them an asset (and not an obstacle) to developments and communities
 - 2. Future energy systems:** how do local authorities enable 'energy smart' places, and potentially also become energy generators of the future?
 - 3. Big data, smart systems:** how does local government harness the power of big data to find creative solutions?
 - 4. The ADEPT 50 / 50 Leaders Network:** Over 75% of the local government workforce are women, yet only one in four LAs directors are female. How can ADEPT encourage and support more women into leadership roles?
 - 5. Emergency planning:** learning lessons from recent incidents
- 15.15 **Refreshment Break**
- 15.30 **Workshops (repeats)**

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- 16.30 Refreshment Break**
- 16.45 Roundtable Discussion Session: Tackling the thorny issue of air quality**
Chair: Paula Hewitt, Chair - ADEPT Environment Board / Somerset County Council
- 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**

PROGRAMME DAY 2 - Friday 24th November *(subject to change)*

- 8.00** Registration (new arrivals only) and Refreshments
- 9.00** Welcome
- Plenary Session 3 - Working in partnership with the private sector**
Chair: Neil Gibson, ADEPT Vice President / Buckinghamshire County Council
- 9.10 Paper 1. Examining the role of digital in creating places**
 Jason Pavey, Market Director Local Transport, Atkins
- 9.25 Paper 2. A private sector view of post-Election, pre-Brexit, economy and challenges**
 Scott Wardrop, Chief Executive, Ringway Infrastructure Services Ltd
- 9.40 Paper 3. Transforming public services delivery**
 Neil Sartorio, Partner - Local Public Services, EY (invited)
- 9.55** Question & Answer session
- 10.15** Refreshment Break
- Plenary Session 4 - Funding in the future**
Chair: Darryl Evers, ADEPT Vice President / Staffordshire County Council
- 10.35 Paper 1. What's the future for local government funding?**
 Simon Ridley, Director General, DCLG (invited)
- 10.50 Paper 2. What might a model for regional funding post-Brexit look like?**
 Cllr Kevin Bentley, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Skills, Infrastructure & the Digital Economy, Essex County Council & Chair, LGA Brexit Task & Finish
- 11.05 Paper 3. What are the implications of localism for local government spending?**
 Professor Tony Travers, Director of LSE London
- 11.20** Question & Answer session
- 11.40 Closing address**
 Andy Street CBE, Mayor of the West Midlands (invited)
- 12.20 Closing Remarks**
 Simon Neilson, ADEPT President
- 12.30 Lunch and Close of the Conference**



BOOKING FORM - ADEPT Conference 2017

(photocopies welcome)

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