



Association of Directors of
Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport

ADEPT East of England Board Terms of reference (updated February 2021)

Background

The Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport (ADEPT) represents Place Directors from county, unitary and metropolitan authorities, along with Local Enterprise Partnerships and corporate partners drawn from key service sectors. ADEPT members are at the very heart of maximising sustainable growth in communities throughout the UK. We are delivering the projects that are key to unlocking broader economic success and creating more resilient communities, economies and infrastructure.

The East of England Board

Remit

The East of England Board leads for ADEPT in understanding and responding to strategic issues and policies in the East of England region. The Board understands that, while sometimes local authorities in the region have differing priorities, economic growth is a shared aspiration and often needs to be unlocked and fostered through joint partnership working. In all situations sustainable growth requires good quality planning, investment and infrastructure.

As it is not a subject board, the East of England Board has a broad and diverse remit and is able to discuss any issues which board members deem to be relevant for broader consideration. However regular items will include economic performance, challenges faced by local government, and the response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Membership

The Board's membership is voluntary and is drawn from Directors and Heads of Service at member local authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships. It includes representatives from:

Bedford Borough Council
Cambridgeshire County Council
Central Bedfordshire Council
Essex County Council
Hertfordshire County Council
Luton Borough Council
Milton Keynes Council
Norfolk County Council

Peterborough City Council
Southend-on-Sea Council
Suffolk County Council
Thurrock Council
Hertfordshire LEP
New Anglia LEP
South East LEP

Key personnel as of March 2021 are as follows:

- Board Chair: Steve Cox (Cambridgeshire)
- Deputy Chair: Graham Bygrave (Norfolk)

Meetings and other activities

The Board meets quarterly on-line. Meetings cover updates from Working Groups, updates from Government departments and agencies on current issues. Invited speakers may also give presentations and updates on specific topics. Ad hoc meetings may be also called, to discuss specific urgent issues.

The Board seeks to keep members up to date on current issues, and to share knowledge and best practice between members, by circulating information between meetings.