

## **ADEPT Planning, Housing & Regeneration Board meeting 8 February 2019**

The Board held its latest meeting on 8 February in London. The focus of the meeting was on digital infrastructure.

The meeting opened with a presentation from Nick Corrigan, Director for Digital Futures, Southend on Sea Borough Council, on the work that was being done to deliver digital infrastructure and capability in the authority. Mr Corrigan advised the Board about the partnership with [City Fibre](#). He also referred to joint work being undertaken with adjoining authorities in south Essex to map digital infrastructure and how such infrastructure can be planned for.

This was followed by a presentation from James Cushing from the [Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport](#) (DCMS) on the Local Full Fibre Networks Programme and Business Vouchers Scheme. The Board also heard from Phil Foxwood from DCMS on the government's focus on superfast provision and the [Future Telecoms Infrastructure Review](#). The work of the Barrier Busting Taskforce (established in 2017) was then outlined by Richard Maddock from DCMS. Mr. Maddock drew the Board's attention to the Streetworks Toolkit, an updated version of which would be launched this year, and the [Digital Connectivity Portal](#).

The Board meeting concluded with a very useful discussion and an update on the progress with different projects being undertaken by Board members. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for the 21 June 2019 when the focus may be on use of CIL and S.106 funding to support delivery.

**Peter Geraghty**  
**Chair**