

ADEPT South West Sub National Board – 07 October 2021

The Board received an update from Hannah Bartram, ADEPT COO on the latest ADEPT business and the work of the subject Boards. Andy Rhind and David Glinos provided an update from the DfT which covered departmental changes, Covid support and the Spending Review. The Board then received an update from Jamie Hulland, Devon County Council and Parvis Khansari, Wiltshire Council on the progress being made by Western Gateway and Peninsula Transport SNTBs respectively.

The next item featured a presentation on the Transport Decarbonisation Plan by Nick Shaw, Deputy Head of Environment Strategy at the DfT who outlined the government's commitments set out in the Plan. It was also noted how transport decarbonisation is more than just reducing CO₂ emissions and that the Plan also seeks to address the wider costs that the transport system places on society. A local authority toolkit is currently being developed to showcase best practice from places across the country and internationally as well as 'how to guides' for business case development. The DfT is keen to get input from groups such as ADEPT on this.

Parvis Khansari, Wiltshire Council then introduced an item on levelling up and devolution for general discussion. The Board discussed how this agenda is now being taken forward following the changes at the Department for Levelling Up, Homes and Communities and the next steps for County Deals.

Lastly, the Board welcomed Professor Colin Taylor from the University of Bristol who provided an update on the work of the South West Infrastructure Partnership (SWIP) Net Zero Route Map. The SWIP route map focuses on three key pillars; building common mind set and ambitious leadership; improving carbon literacy; and improving collaboration. The Board discussed how SWIP and ADEPT can work together on this agenda.