

ADEPT South West Sub National Board – 30 June 2022

The Board received an update from Hannah Bartram, ADEPT CEO on the latest ADEPT business and the work of the subject Boards. The Board then received an update from Mike O’Dowd Jones, Somerset County Council and Peter Binley, Wiltshire Council on the progress being made by Peninsula Transport and Western Gateway SNTBs.

The Board welcomed back Jon Rattenbury, South West Net Zero Hub Programme Manager to provide the annual update from the South West Net Zero Hub. The Board heard how the Hub is currently in the process of agreeing their new three year Memorandum of Understanding with Government. Jon was keen to seek the Board’s views on the Hub’s future objectives and priorities, which were broadly endorsed by the Board. A potential opportunity for SW ADEPT to have a role in the Hub’s future governance arrangements was also highlighted and will be further explored over the coming months. The Board also heard in more detail about the services and programmes delivered by the Hub and how they can provide more support to scale up investment in local Net Zero across the South West.

The Board was then pleased to welcome Dr Michael Bingham OBE, Deputy Director, Planning Reform, DLUHC to discuss the planning reforms. The Board heard about the progress of the Bill, the headline measures proposed as well as the philosophy behind the reforms. The Board discussed the anticipated timeframes for the implementation of the proposed measures and the challenges this poses for those local authorities reviewing their development plans during this transition phase.

Lastly, the Board thanked Anthony Payne, Strategic Director for Place, Plymouth City Council for chairing the South West Board for the last four years. Sophie Broadfield, Director of Sustainable Communities at Bath & North East Somerset Council has now taken over the role as Chair.