

Yorkshire & Humber Board
Monday 11 November 2024 @ 16:00, via Microsoft Teams

In attendance:

Karl Battersby – chair	Adrian Gill	Ann Carruthers
Gary Bartlett	Gillian Macleod	Kylie Russell
Mark Scarr	Paul Copeland	Philip Marran
Rachael Balmer	Sheila Horner	Maureen Wilson (minutes)
Kumar Niketan	Dr Suzy Charman	

Item	Agenda Item and Notes	Action
1	Welcome and Introductions	
2	<p>Ann Carruthers, President of ADEPT</p> <p>Ann Carruthers, the Director of Environment and Transport with Leicestershire County Council and the current president of ADEPT, began by apologising for her late arrival due to an overrun scrutiny meeting. She expressed her pleasure in serving as the president of ADEPT, with her theme for the year being resilience. This theme encompasses the resilience of local authorities, public sector, places, and individuals.</p> <p>Ann highlighted the challenges faced by local authorities, including high public expectations and limited resources. She mentioned ongoing conversations with the government, particularly with the new administration, to address issues like devolution and to build support among MPs. Ann also discussed the importance of joint meetings with other associations and the submission of a paper to the government before the budget, advocating for multi-year deals and streamlined funding.</p> <p>She emphasised the value of collaborative work, mentioning a recent webinar with Natural England and the potential for a joint response to the NHS's 10-year plan consultation. Ann also spoke about her engagements with other organisations, such as the Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation and the Institute of Civil Engineers, to explore collaborative opportunities.</p> <p>Ann concluded by discussing the busy conference season, including ADEPT's Traffic Managers Conference and the upcoming Autumn Conference in Bristol. She also highlighted ADEPT's efforts in recruitment and retention, particularly in attracting young people to the public sector. Additionally, she mentioned ADEPT's successful leadership development program, which aims to support future leaders and foster valuable networks.</p>	
3	<p>Manifesto for Road Safety</p> <p>Kumar Niketan presented on behalf of the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (PACTS), a UK-based charity focused on road, rail, and air transport safety. The presentation highlighted the organisation's vision of a transport system free from death and life-changing injury, achieved through enhancing transport safety and sustainability.</p> <p>PACTS has four strategic visions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proactively influencing change. 2. Securing strong parliamentary participation and engagement for transport safety. 3. Identifying and researching the right subjects at the right time. 4. Growing a valued and well-supported membership. 	

	<p>The presentation emphasised the current state of road safety in the UK, noting that over 30,000 people are killed or seriously injured annually, with a societal and economic cost of £43.5 billion. Progress in reducing road casualties has stagnated since 2010.</p> <p>PACTS proposed four strategic policy priorities in their manifesto:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A National Road Safety Strategy with evidence-based targets and safety performance indicators. 2. Establishing a Road Safety Investigation Branch to investigate collisions and provide insights for prevention. 3. Implementing graduated driving licenses to reduce casualties among young drivers. 4. Adopting general and pedestrian safety regulations, including advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS), to enhance vehicle safety. <p>The presentation concluded with a call for joint collaborative pressure on the government to act on these priorities, supported by evidence and backed by 128 organisations.</p> <p>Questions and Comments from Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karl Battersby found the list of safety requirements interesting but noted that the advancements in vehicle technology are becoming overwhelming. • Gary Bartlett from Leeds City Council expressed strong support for the Road Safety manifesto and shared insights from their Vision Zero initiative in West Yorkshire. • Karl Battersby acknowledged the importance of making roads safer and invited further comments or questions from colleagues. 	
<p>4</p>	<p>Road safety</p> <p>Dr Suzy Charman presented on road safety, providing context and insights into the current state and future strategies. She highlighted the importance of understanding road safety performance metrics, such as crash rate and crash density, and discussed the significant differences in these metrics between major and strategic road networks. Suzy emphasised the need for investment in road safety, particularly on the major road network, and shared data on fatalities and serious injuries from 2023.</p> <p>She also discussed the importance of a new road safety strategy, mentioning the need for targets and performance metrics that align with the safe system approach. Suzy highlighted the role of speed management in reducing collisions and the need for sustainable funding to support road safety initiatives. She also touched on the challenges of cultural shifts and the importance of articulating the benefits of road safety measures to the public.</p> <p>Gary Bartlett commented on the ambition of Vision Zero and the importance of setting high goals to save lives, despite the challenges. Suzy responded, agreeing that Vision Zero is essential for changing decision-making processes and prioritising safety.</p> <p>Adrian Gill raised concerns about the challenges in achieving Vision Zero, including network conditions, resistance to active travel measures, and budget constraints. Suzy acknowledged these challenges and emphasised the need for sustainable funding and cultural shifts to support road safety initiatives.</p> <p>Paul Copeland inquired about the timeline for the new road safety strategy and the importance of collaboration among authorities. Suzy speculated that there might be updates before Christmas, with more comprehensive plans to follow.</p>	

	<p>Suzy kindly shared the presentation and asked for her details to be passed on should anyone wish to continue dialogue - suzy.charman@roadsafetyfoundation.org. Suzy advised that there are some training opportunities (free!) coming up on iRAP and also on the Safe System and Road Safety Engineering in case people are interested.</p>	
5	<p>Discussion Included in each section.</p>	
6	<p>National ADEPT Update Transport</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Government has said it will publish ‘the first integrated national transport strategy the country has ever had’ ahead of the Comprehensive Spending Review. The formation of the strategy, which the reviews suggest should cover England but with a framework for cross-border links to Scotland and Wales, will be separate to the review of transport projects announced by the Government in late July. The INTS will be formally launched in November, with publication by Autumn 2025. Danny Williams, CEO of Active Travel England, is the lead officer. 2. The Chancellor announced an extra £500m for local roads maintenance in the recent Autumn Budget (here). ADEPT’s response to the budget is here. 3. What a productive and exciting month October ’24 has been for ADEPT Live Labs 2. Here’s our round up of key activity throughout the month. <p>Devolution / Growth / Planning</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The final session of the ADEPT thought leadership programme (PACE) was a masterclass in how best to ‘make the case for place’ using Nuneaton as its focus. The outcomes will be shared in a plenary at the Autumn Conference; in addition, we will be publishing an assessment tool for all ADEPT members to use, which will be launched at the Autumn Conference. The summary document from session two, and blog from Session 3, are available here. 5. In advance of the Autumn Budget, ADEPT joined forces with ADCS, ADPH and ADASS to publish a co-signed letter and briefing on local government finances (here). Our key asks were: 1) A fundamental review of local government funding 2) Introduction of multi-year funding settlements 3) Removal of siloed and short-term funding streams and 4) Clarity on the future of a wide range of fixed term funding pots. 6. The government has launched a consultation on its ‘Invest 2035: Modern Industrial Strategy’ Green Paper – see here (closes 24 Nov). ADEPT will be responding. <p>Environment / Climate</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. We held the 3rd in the series of joint webinars with Natural England on 8th November, a successful session on nature and health with almost 60 participants and a panel of speakers from NE, South Gloucestershire Council, ADPH, UK Health Alliance on Climate Change and Intelligent Health. 8. ADEPT is represented on the EIP review Cross-Sector Advisory Group which meets fortnightly and has been considering the draft EIP report chapter which summarises the feedback from stakeholders - this chapter pulls out the key themes from this feedback and sits within the broader report which will go to Ministers. On climate, COP29 https://unfccc.int/cop29 is underway in Azerbaijan, where the likely impact of the next President of the United States will loom large. 9. ADEPT & Environment Agency Rapid Adaptation Pathways Workshops - During October, ADEPT in collaboration with the Environment Agency, delivered three Rapid Adaptation Pathway Assessment (RAPA) workshops aimed at helping communities and stakeholders 	

	<p>better prepare for the impacts of climate change. These pilot workshops were hosted in Marlborough by Wiltshire Council, Chichester by West Sussex County Council and Bristol by South Gloucestershire Council & West of England Mayoral Combined Authority. The workshops brought together local councils, experts, and community representatives to explore adaptation pathways for managing increasing flood risk due to climate change. The findings from these pilots will inform a toolkit designed to guide local authorities in making informed decisions under climate uncertainty, ensuring they are equipped to handle both current and future challenges.</p> <p>10. We have recently published some priority policy asks: transport (here), resource & waste (here), climate change and green growth (here). We have also revised the Resources & Waste policy position (here).</p> <p>Events/Other</p> <p>11. We are looking for Expressions of Interest for the 2025 Leadership Development Programme – for more information, see here. The deadline is 17th January.</p> <p>12. We are also organising a ‘Navigating Transition’ workshop, for senior leaders who are considering stepping down from their role and embarking on a new stage in their careers. It will be facilitated by Roger Paine and is being held in Birmingham on Friday 17th January. More information to follow very shortly on the ADEPT website.</p> <p>13. Dates for your diary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The next Lunch & Learn ‘Maximising social impact to leave a lasting legacy’ will take place on Weds 27th November and is being led by Balfour Beatty. To register see here. 2. A joint webinar with the Environment Agency is on 12th December, 11.00-12.00, sharing learning from the Local Investment In Natural Capital pilot local authorities. To book see https://www.adeptnet.org.uk/events/adeptenvironment-agency-local-investment-natural-capital-linc-webinar. 3. The next ADEPT / Natural England webinar will focus on ‘Planning for nature & climate resilience’ and will take place 1330-1500 on Weds 22 January. If you would like to attend, please email Hannah Bartram. 4. The Spring Conference and Annual Awards Dinner will take place in London on Thursday 22nd May. Save the date! 	
7	<p>Roundtable and AOB</p> <p>No items raised.</p>	