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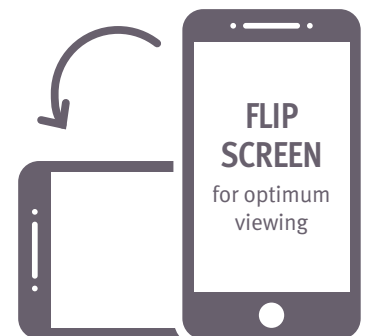


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# CREATING PLACES FIT FOR THE FUTURE: OUR PAST, OUR PRESENT, OUR FUTURE

The future of our places is shaped by the actions and decisions of the past and present generations. We are a product of our history. Every place has a story and a story still to be told.

As place directors we have a responsibility to actively shape the places of the future, to be mindful of our cultural heritage and past and the needs of future generations, while we make decisions today.

Our places are dynamic entities, multi-levelled and multifaceted, with physical form, identity and feel, giving many people a sense of belonging. Whether you live, work or visit a place, it all happens within a geographic space. So what do these spaces look like in the future? Engaging with the past and present is essential in planning our future. The ADEPT Autumn Conference will provide an opportunity to reflect on our past, our present and consider how we create our future places.

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# Why the past and our present is critical to the future of place

In the last year, we have seen the election of a new government and, at the same time, intense pressure on the public purse. With growing demands for investment, I wanted to reflect on the vital role place directors and your teams play in delivering social and economic improvement.



By Mike Batheram, Market Director, Local Transport, AtkinsRéalis

At AtkinsRéalis, we understand that the future of our places is intricately woven from the threads of our past and present actions. As strategic advisors, we are actively helping shape the future of transport and places, whilst protecting our cultural heritage and the needs of future generations.

As we gather in Bristol, one example of the scope of ambition and possibility is just down the road. Bristol Council is pushing forward with plans to transform the Temple Meads area with one of Europe's boldest urban regeneration projects by delivering 10,000 new homes, 22,000 new jobs and a range of new public spaces alongside a transformed Temple Meads station.

So, following that bold example of ambition as we gather over the next two days, we must consider how we can create future places that are sustainable, inclusive and resilient. It is a practical necessity for those involved in shaping place, planning, strategy and policy.

## Why this matters

As practitioners, we are at the forefront of shaping the environments where people live, work and play. Our success depends on a blend of professional expertise, diverse teams, innovation, creativity and collaboration. While predicting the future is impossible, we use insights, trends and scientific data to identify potential challenges and opportunities.

The political landscape in the UK is undergoing significant changes, which will undoubtedly influence how we shape our future places. This shift in political power brings new priorities and policies that will impact urban and rural planning, infrastructure development and environmental sustainability.

To secure funding, we must align our strategies with the new government's agenda by setting out how we will deliver affordable housing, green energy and resilient infrastructure.

With an ageing population and increasing demand for affordable housing, there is a pressing need to develop sustainable housing solutions that cater to diverse needs. This aligns with our commitment at AtkinsRéalis to create places that are inclusive and accessible to all. In response, we have developed a unique social housing solution, known as EDAROTH, tailored to the needs of local authorities and housing associations.

Our ageing population will require new housing, healthcare and social services. However, delivering affordable, sustainable housing is a significant challenge. Carefully planning the location of new housing and where the supporting services required by residents will involve us planning new transport links, schools and doctors' surgeries. These are all essential for developing vibrant communities, creating new jobs and enabling economic growth.

Climate change remains a top priority, with the government pledging to accelerate efforts to reduce carbon emissions and enhance climate resilience. This includes investing in renewable energy, improving public transport and implementing green building standards. As practitioners, we must integrate these priorities into our planning and development processes to ensure that our places are sustainable and adaptable to future climate challenges.

This necessitates an approach that encompasses adapting our existing infrastructure. We must ensure that we create resilient infrastructure that can withstand the predicted flooding, heat waves and other changes forecast to alter our geographical landscape and ensure we protect our natural habitats to ensure environmental sustainability.

The Labour government has outlined its intention to reform public transport by enabling every community to take back control of local bus services, potentially creating and saving up to 1,300 vital bus routes by ending the postcode lottery of bus services and

ensuring reliable public transport across the country.

It has also outlined a commitment to renew our road network and tackle one million potholes a year by focusing on road infrastructure renewal and maintenance, which is crucial for ensuring safe and efficient transportation.

The government has indicated that the 2030 ban on petrol and diesel cars will be re-introduced. This is part of a broader strategy to support the switch to electric vehicles by increasing the number of public charge points, reducing the cost of car insurance and focusing on active travel. Prioritising walkable and wheelable neighbourhoods will help break transport poverty and promote healthier and more sustainable communities.

## An opportunity to embrace innovation and long-term thinking

The future opportunities for people and places are vast. So are the challenges. Creating places so they are fit for the future is a complex, but rewarding endeavour. By reflecting on our past, understanding our present and planning thoughtfully for the future, we can create functional, vibrant and more inclusive places. This year's ADEPT Autumn Conference is a step in this journey, enabling us to share insights, foster collaboration and inspire action. Collaboratively, we can shape places that honour our heritage and meet the needs of future generations.

At AtkinsRéalis, we are committed to leading this effort, guided by our expertise, innovation and a deep understanding of the evolving political landscape. By aligning local strategies with the new government's priorities and embracing long-term thinking, we can create resilient, sustainable places that are fit for the future.

# Programme - Thursday 21st November

09:00 **Welcome and introduction**

Ann Carruthers - ADEPT President / Leicestershire County Council

09:15 **Plenary 1: Future proofing local government**

Chair: Sophie Broadfield - Chair, ADEPT South West Board / Bath & North East Somerset Council

- Angela Jones - Westmorland & Furness Council
- Mike Batherham - AtkinsRéalis
- Jonathan Werran - Localis
- Lorna Baxter - Association of LA Treasurer Societies (ALATS) / Oxfordshire County Council
- James Browne - Tony Blair Institute for Global Change

10:30 **Break**

11:00 **Plenary 2: Are nature markets the silver bullet to investment in nature recovery?**

Chair: Carolyn McKenzie - Chair, ADEPT Environment Board / Surrey County Council

- Tony Juniper - Natural England
- Emma Toovey - Environment Bank
- Helen Avery - Green Finance Institute

12:15 **Ministerial address**

12:45 **Lunch**

*Continued...*

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## 13:45 **Plenary 3: Housing fit for the future**

Chair: Chris Henning - Chair, ADEPT Sustainable Growth Board /  
Derbyshire County Council

- Rachael Williamson - Chartered Institute of Housing
- Warren Lever - Hampshire County Council
- Marie Chadwick - National Housing Federation

## 15:00 **Break**

## 15:15 **Workshop sessions**

### **Workshop 1: How do we integrate energy system and spatial planning to deliver for people and planet?**

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### **Workshop 2: Empowering independence: streamlining school transport for better outcomes**

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### **Workshop 3: Shaping the future built environment through innovation**

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## 16:15 **Workshop 4: Building a future fit workforce / skills revolution**

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### **Workshop 5: Place based decarbonisation**

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### **Workshop 6: Funding regeneration**

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## 17:30 **General Meeting**

## 19:00 **Drinks reception and conference dinner**

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# Programme - Friday 22nd November

09:00 **Plenary 4: Future voices - ensuring young people's voices are represented and heard in placemaking**

Chair: Katie Stewart - Co-chair, ADEPT South East Board /  
City of London Corporation

- Sharad Kerai - CIHT Apprentice of the Year / Mott MacDonald
- Matt Springett - MATT+FIONA
- Darrius Meren & Ellen Sheehy - Bristol City Youth Council

10:15 **Break**

10:45 **Plenary 5: Making a stronger case for place**

Chair: Nigel Riglar - Chair, ADEPT Climate Change Board /  
South Gloucestershire Council

- Andy Denman - Amey
- Angela Jones - Westmorland & Furness Council &  
Alexandra Paz - British Academy
- Nicola Butterworth - Liverpool City Council &  
Matt O'Neill - Barnsley Council
- Bill Cotton - formerly Oxfordshire County Council &  
Mark Bousfield - Aviva
- Mark Ryder - Warwickshire County Council

12:00 **Closing remarks**

Ann Carruthers - ADEPT President /  
Leicestershire County Council

12.15 **Close of the conference and lunch**

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## Conference location

The plenary sessions of this conference will be held in the Kings Suite on the first floor.

## Conference catering

All refreshment breaks and lunches will take place in the Kings Lounge.

## Conference badge & security

All attendees must always wear their badge during the conference.

## Conference registration

Delegates attending both days of the conference need only register on Thursday.

Please make your way directly to the Kings Suite on Friday.

## Workshop sessions

The workshops take place in the following meeting rooms:

**Workshop 1:** How do we integrate energy system and spatial planning to deliver for people and planet? - *Lancaster Room*

**Workshop 2:** Empowering Independence: Streamlining School Transport for Better Outcomes - *Kings Suite*

**Workshop 3:** Shaping the future built environment through innovation - *Palm Court*

**Workshop 4:** Building a future fit workforce / skills revolution - *Palm Court*

**Workshop 5:** Place based decarbonisation - *Lancaster Room*

**Workshop 6:** Funding Regeneration - *Kings Suite*

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## Drinks reception & dinner

A drinks reception will be held in the Palm Court on the ground floor, from 7:00pm on Thursday. Dinner will be called at 7:30pm and will be served in the Kings Suite on the first floor. The dress code is lounge suit/business wear. A seating plan will be displayed in the Bar and Palm Court.

## Event support

If you have any queries about the event please visit the ADEPT Conference help desk located on the first floor.

## Hotel

**Check-out is by 12.00pm.** Luggage may be left in the cloakroom in the Windsor Room on the first floor, please note this is not manned.



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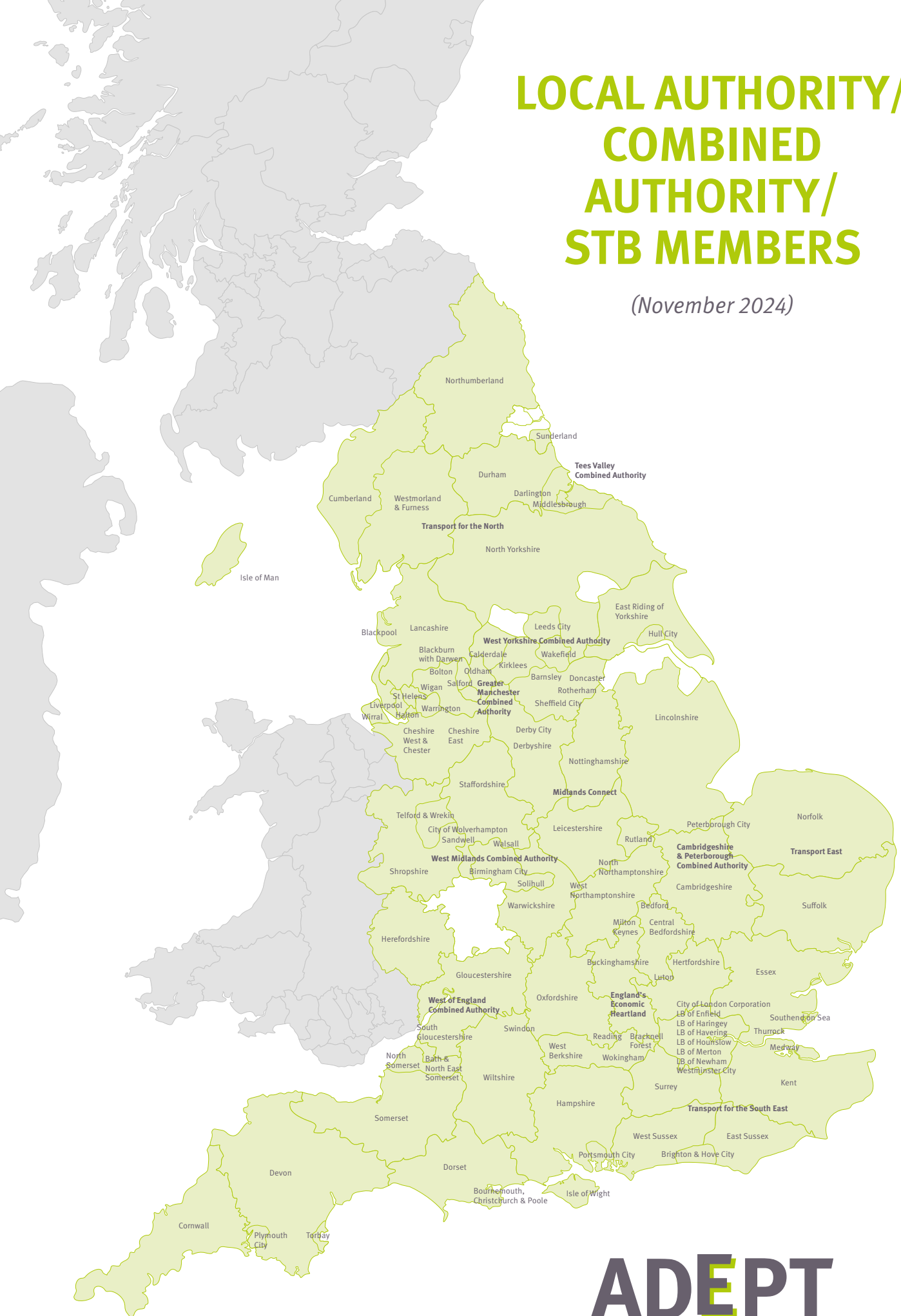
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The funding regeneration landscape is complex. Understanding the multiple funding models available and when to use them can be challenging. Yet, the need to renew and regenerate has never been greater and unlocking this funding is vital.

Our report, *Funding Regeneration: An Art or a Science*, discusses the current models and how we put them to use to improve communities.

Talk to us at the ADEPT Autumn Conference or join our ADEPT lunchtime session on the 18 December to learn more.

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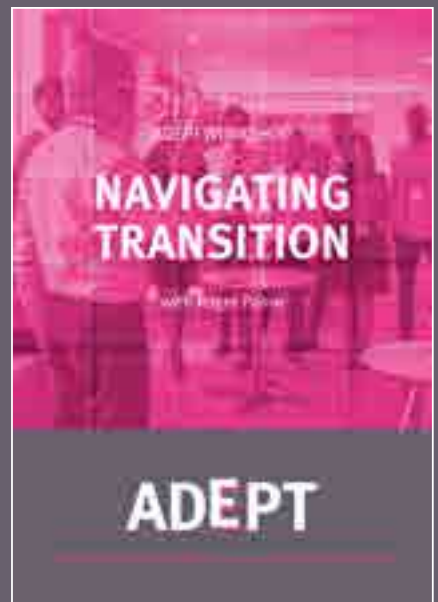


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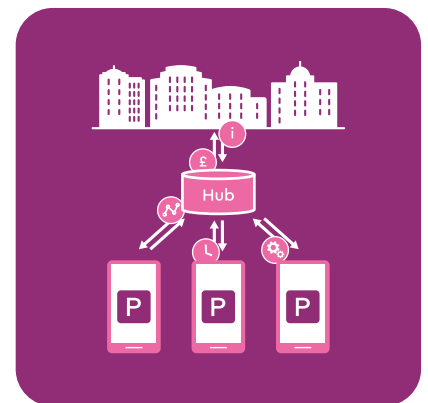
The workshop, to be held at The Priory Rooms, Birmingham on **17th January 2025**, costs £400 +VAT.



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