



ADEPT Yorkshire & Humber Board Terms of Reference (updated December 2025)

Background

The Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport (ADEPT) is the voice of local authority place directors and their teams. Our members manage vital local services – from highways, waste, recycling and planning – while also preparing for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

ADEPT is a membership-based, voluntary organisation with members across England. We bring together directors from county, unitary, metropolitan and combined authorities, along with sub-national transport bodies and corporate partners. Collectively, our members provide services for more than 42 million people, manage 164,000 miles of road and handle around 65% of all recycled waste in England.

ADEPT members develop long-term strategies, investment and infrastructure needed to make their places resilient, sustainable, inclusive and prosperous. They drive clean, sustainable growth, delivering the programmes that are fundamental to creating more resilient communities, economies and infrastructure. These services include housing, environmental and regulatory services, planning, economic development, culture and highways and transport.

Find out more at: www.adeptnet.org.uk

The Yorkshire & Humber Board

Remit

The Yorkshire & Humber Board formed in 2021 and brings together place leaders in the region for discussion of relevant issues, challenges and opportunities.

The Board leads ADEPT's understanding and response to strategic issues and policies in Yorkshire & Humber. While local authorities in the region may have differing priorities, economic growth is a shared aspiration and often needs to be unlocked and fostered through joint partnership working. In all situations, sustainable growth requires good quality planning, investment and infrastructure.

The Board provides space for its member organisations to respond to, influence and support each other

in addressing and implementing strategic policies and issues relevant to the region. Regular items may include climate change and the environment, discussions with government departments and partner agencies on policy changes, consultations and place-based funding, and the challenges faced by local government.

Membership

The Board's membership is voluntary and drawn from Directors and Heads of Service at member local authorities and Combined Authorities. It includes representatives from:

- Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
- Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
- Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council
- East Riding of Yorkshire Council
- Hull City Council
- Kirklees Council
- Leeds City Council
- North Yorkshire Council
- Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
- Sheffield City Council
- York City Council
- West Yorkshire Combined Authority
- York & North Yorkshire Combined Authority
- Tees Valley Combined Authority

Number of local authorities in the region: 15

Key personnel:

- Chair: Karl Battersby, Corporate Director of Environment, North Yorkshire County Council (karl.battersby@northyorks.gov.uk)
- Secretary: Kirsty Patullo, North Yorkshire County Council (kirsty.patullo@northyorks.gov.uk)

If your organisation is not represented, please contact the Chair or email: secretariat@adeptnet.org.uk

Meetings and Other Activities

The Yorkshire & Humber Board meets every two months. Meetings cover updates from Government departments and agencies on current issues. Invited speakers may also give presentations and updates on specific topics. Ad hoc meetings may also be called to discuss urgent issues.

The Board seeks to keep members up to date on current issues and share knowledge and best practice between members by circulating information between meetings.