

# ADEPT

Association of Directors of  
Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport

- by email

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Dear

I write to invite you to join the Association of Directors for Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport (ADEPT).

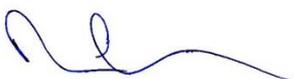
ADEPT is an active and growing organisation, with membership up 30% in the past year. Our members are drawn from 'Place' Directors in upper tier local authorities, Local Enterprise Partnerships and commercial partners. Every day our members work to build successful local economies and sustainable communities. Through our boards and working groups, ADEPT provides a unique opportunity to contribute to research and development, examine new approaches and develop policy with colleagues from different professional backgrounds. Current priorities include EU Exit, the Industrial Strategy Green Paper and Housing White Paper alongside growing issues such as air quality, digital provision and energy security. I enclose our membership flyer for your information.

There are various ways of getting involved. We operate a unique system of technical working groups, subject and sub-national boards which work to support members by sharing good practice and technical expertise, facilitating strategic thinking and providing networking opportunities (see [here](#) for more detail). The sub-national boards meet regularly, discussing issues of national and local interest and attracting high calibre speakers. There are four national Subject Boards – Engineering, Environment, Transport, and Planning, Housing & Regeneration – supported by various technical working groups, some of which operate regionally as well as nationally. The Boards interact regularly with key government departments, agencies and professional bodies; they also organise various technical workshops. We are keen to ensure that all members of boards and working groups are from authorities who belong to ADEPT.

Lastly, I wanted to highlight two key events taking place this year. The Annual Conference is in Manchester on 23/24 November 2017. Last year's conference was extremely successful, with over 160 delegates and 35+ speakers. You are most welcome to attend; ADEPT membership secures a substantial ticket discount. In addition, for the first time, we have combined the President's Meeting (i.e. the annual policy debate) with the Annual Dinner and AGM, which takes place on 14/15 June in London. Please note however that this is only open to ADEPT members.

For a new authority membership costs just £540 for the first year; from then on fees are based on the population of the authority. Membership benefits also extend to other officers within the authority. I would be delighted if you decide to join. If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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