



EXCELLENCE IN PLACE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

2019

ADEPT

The Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport

Creating an environment for change demands fresh thinking

As part of our commitment to driving innovation, ADEPT is launching its new *Excellence in Place Leadership* programme, in partnership with Amey.

We want to bring together forward-thinking 'thought leaders' from across ADEPT to examine the key issues and opportunities affecting our sector.

Together, we will create a forum to:

- Shape the way ADEPT members do business
- Create an environment for change
- Catalyse fresh thinking
- Influence strategy across place

Launching in Autumn 2019, there will be four one day sessions over a 12 month period, hosted by an independent facilitator:

- 20 September 2019
- 17 January 2020
- 20 March 2020
- 9 June 2020

We want to create an enduring, self-sustaining and inclusive professional network of thought leaders and influencers, so we are looking for a diverse and inspiring group of 10-12 people who can, and will, make a difference.

Typically each session will include keynote speakers, structured discussions and activities to create thought pieces, policy proposals, blogs and articles that can be shared with a wide range of audiences to challenge and stimulate conversation. Topics will sit under one or more of ADEPT's strategic priorities:

- Place based funding post-Brexit
- Communities and infrastructure
- Climate change and environment

Initial proposals, which may change as the group establishes and matures and as the political and policy landscape changes, include:

- Inward investment and green finance
- Innovation in procurement, linked to the developing Highways Sector Deal
- Designing customer-centric services
- Unchaining social value
- Delivering infrastructure and connectivity fit for the 21st century

Membership

- Exclusive to ADEPT members
- Participants need to commit to the full 12 month programme
- Participation is free (but does not include travel or subsistence costs)
- Focused on director level officers, we will also consider emerging 'place' leaders, as part of a pathway leadership development programme or thought leaders in their field. We will also consider thought leaders who are not necessarily working at director level within their organisation.

ADEPT and Amey are committed to encouraging diversity and inclusion.

Through its engagement with key issues, the group will make critical contribution to the future place shaping agenda.

Creating new strategies for transformation and development, we want to build a parity of knowledge that can be widely shared, adding value to programmes such as ADEPT's SMART Places Live Labs.

Building networks and partnerships is part of ADEPT's core business and this programme will be no exception. Excellence in Place Leadership will facilitate networking and support new and existing relationships, not only between members, but also with the key speakers and organisations that will be invited to share their knowledge and expertise.

Together, ADEPT and Amey are building excellence in place leadership.

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About Amey

Our team of 20,000 works across four continents – making us a leading supplier of consulting and infrastructure support services both in the UK and internationally. We've been in business for nearly 100 years and we're proud of our long history. We make a difference by designing, building, maintaining and investing in our country's services and infrastructure including engineering, facilities management, utilities, transport, environmental services, defence and justice. Our collaborative approach means our clients trust us to deliver – whether it's providing key utilities, collecting refuse, or maintaining roads and railways. That's why we prioritise concerns and work in partnership with communities and clients – to help meet goals and overcome any challenges along the way.

We believe in sharing our knowledge and learning from best practices. It's how we make sure we do things a bit better every day to create safer, smarter and sustainable places to live, work and travel.

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About ADEPT

The Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport (ADEPT) represents local authority county, unitary and metropolitan Directors. Operating at the strategic tier of local government, members are responsible for delivering public services that primarily relate to the physical environment and the economy, but which have a significant impact on all aspects of the nation's wellbeing. ADEPT represents members' interests by proactively engaging central Government on emerging policy & issues, promoting initiatives aimed at influencing Government policy and through the development of best practices and responding to European and UK Government initiatives and consultations. Our wider membership includes Local Enterprise Partnerships, Combined Authorities, Sub-national Transport Bodies and Corporate Partners.

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