

## **ADEPT Midlands Board update – September 2019**

The Midlands Board last met on 24 September. Eight local authorities and the Department for Transport (DfT) were represented. As the meeting was hosted by Leicestershire County Council, Ann Carruthers presented an overview of her authority's Environment and Transport Department. She outlined Leicestershire's services and products, highlighted progress made, shared plans and concluded with three challenges (climate commitment, cost of growth and commercialism and productivity), which the Board discussed and offered potential solutions.

Debbie Taylor-Bond, General Manager KeirWSP and Giles Perkins, Head of Future Mobility, WSP gave two presentations. One on Future Mobility – the opportunity and challenge, the other on the ADEPT Smart Place Live Labs Programme.

Bill Roden, Strategic Policy Lead at Midlands Connect provided a technical update on the Major Route Network and Large Local Majors Programme, Midlands Connect Charter and Trans Midlands Trade Corridor and engagement plan.

A roundtable discussion on the results from the survey about the purpose of the Board concluded:

- Shared intelligence
- Emphasise on key cross themes important to us all
- Safe place to have dialogue on the wider place agenda
- Engaging with the Midlands Engine and Midlands Connect
- Being recognised as the voice of the sector, with a focus on regional body engagement
- Peer support
- Focus on key themes and bringing subject group expertise on place-related topics. Looking at relationships around local and regional

The next meeting will take place on the afternoon of Monday 20th January 2020. In the morning the ADEPT Regional Climate Emergency Workshop is scheduled. A suitable venue is currently be explored to accommodate both.

We are hoping that one of our member LAs will be able to host. If you think that your council can host the meeting please could you reply to [secretariat@adeptnet.org.uk](mailto:secretariat@adeptnet.org.uk) letting us know?