

## **ADEPT South West Sub National Board – 22 July 2021**

The Board received an update from Hannah Bartram, ADEPT COO on the latest ADEPT business and the work of the subject Boards. Paula Hewitt, ADEPT President also provided an update to the Board on the latest discussions with Director Generals at the DfT and DEFRA and highlighted some of the key issues raised. The Board then received an update from David Carter, WECA and Mike O’Dowd Jones, Somerset County Council on the progress being made by Western Gateway and Peninsula Transport SNTBs respectively.

The next item featured a presentation from Nicky Williams, Policy Adviser at the CBI on the work they have been doing to develop regional score cards and growth priorities following the publication of their Reviving Regions report in November 2020. The intention of the score cards is to support policy makers and businesses to understand the unique strengths of regions and the areas of focus for interventions. The growth priorities identified as a result of the recommendations from the Reviving Regions report, the scorecards and insights from local businesses set out the top priorities for the local business community and indicate their commitment to work with local and national government to level up their region.

Lastly, the Board received a presentation from Edward Nelson, Head of Local Delivery at the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) and Richard Drew, Regional Account Manager at the Energy Saving Trust on the government’s approach to supporting the transition to zero emission vehicles as well as the support that is available to local authorities to enable this. The Board discussed the challenges around implementation such as capacity and capability within local authorities to deliver, funding and costs of EV charging infrastructure as well as local grid constraints and local connection capacity costs.