



PRESIDENT'S AWARDS - ENTER NOW!

The ADEPT Annual Dinner and President's Awards are taking place at One Whitehall Place, London on Thursday 27th June

Neil Gibson, ADEPT President, wishes to acknowledge the work of ADEPT members and partners across the country.

The award categories are:

Category 1: Delivering Clean Growth

Councils have a major role to play in the growth agenda, both as a business themselves, but also in their role as promoters of economic growth in their areas and in partnership with Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs). This award is intended to highlight where those councils have gone beyond traditional roles to promote Clean Growth, in line with the Government's strategies on Clean Growth, Road to Zero and Clean Air. This can relate to delivery of services and infrastructure – housing, transport, waste, economic development, planning and growth or how it operates as a business – estate improvements, staff policies, commissioning and procurement, fleet.

Winners will need to demonstrate wider benefits: working across departments and councils and with employees; working in partnership with other parts of the public sector such as LEPs, businesses and investors delivering multiple outcomes through combining resources.

Submissions should focus on how the council is:

- delivering clean growth, not just now but into the future – demonstrating ambition and vision, anticipating future challenges and future proofing growth
 - working across boundaries and with different partners to achieve long lasting clean growth
 - proactively engaging with business to tackle problems and find solutions, stimulating the clean growth sector at the same time
 - taking a one public sector approach to drive change
 - going beyond the 3-5 year budget cycle to prepare for future challenges
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Category 2: Deploying digital innovation and technology

ADEPT, its partners, and central government have a shared ambition to create SMART Places, where digital innovation and innovative approaches are adopted to shape places that are sustainable, resilient, accessible, and promote well-being. Adopting SMART approaches has the potential to be a game-changer for the delivery of strategic outcomes and, at the same time, improve efficiency and effectiveness whilst reducing costs across the public sector.

Judges will be looking for evidence of:

- Successful digital innovation and the imaginative use of new technology
 - A service or project that has delivered improved outcomes for users
 - The transformation of a service, department or organisation.
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Category 3: Improving the environment, promoting health

This award is to celebrate excellence in the delivery of environmental services – in particular energy, waste management, green spaces, local air quality, flood and water management – that also generate public health benefits. Entries will be judged on the innovation of their submission and the extent to which it has improved the natural environment in their area, and/or the efficiency of service delivery.

Award entries will be judged on:

- The extent to which the council's work was an innovative response to a significant concern
 - The quality of the outcomes obtained from the project, for instance in improved or more efficient services
 - Links between environmental sustainability and other policy areas, particularly public health
 - Evidence of buy-in to the project or its goals from members of the local community or external organisations.
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All we need is 500 words outlining the project and a brief summary (no more than 150 characters). Photographs would be great too. Send your entries to the secretariat@adeptnet.org.uk. **The deadline for entries is Friday 24 May.** Good luck!

To book your place at the Annual Dinner & Awards evening, please visit [our dedicated booking page](#).