CSS Wales: an overview

As with many things since Welsh devolution, the former County Surveyors’ Society has developed separately either side of the border.

Whilst in England ADEPT has evolved, in Wales the Strategic Directors of Environment, Planning and Transportation have not chosen to organise themselves in the same way. Consequently CSS Wales has developed as the leading association of Local Authority technical Chief Officers which, in line with the ‘One Welsh Public Sector’ agenda, works with colleagues from across the spectrum to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. ADEPT and CSS Wales continue to retain links and share knowledge however, each having representation on the other’s Senior Leadership Team and National Board respectively. The current Chair of CSS Wales is Mike Roberts of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

CSS Wales consists of a number of main working groups and special interest sub-groups. The national board meets four times a year with the AGM held in June, whilst the March meeting is a combined conference with representatives of the Civil Engineering Contractors’ Association (Wales), the Association of Consultancy and Engineering, Welsh Local Government Association and Welsh Government. More details about the association are available via our website: www.css.wales