

## **South West Board update- 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017**

The South West Board met in Taunton on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, with 19 members and partners present. This was the first time trying out a new location which seemed to work very well despite the bad weather on the day!

DfT gave an update on their funding announcements, including new funding in 2017/18 through the National Productivity Investment Fund and the Safer Roads Fund.

In a workshop session on energy there were presentations by:

- Peter Kydd (ICE) on energy infrastructure, markets, and demand management,
- Andy Coupe (Somerset) on Hinkley Point C,
- Alistair Macpherson (Plymouth) on Plymouth Energy Community, and
- Glenn Caplin (Cornwall) on geothermal and wave power.

The presentations are available on the ADEPT website [here](#).

The Board had an additional meeting at the Highways England office in Bristol on 24<sup>th</sup> February to follow up on the work on regional transport investment priorities that had been discussed in November.

The next SW meeting is on 25<sup>th</sup> May and will cover economic growth, infrastructure priorities, and a stronger regional narrative.

Future meetings will cover look at flood risk management, digital infrastructure, and smart transport.