



Association of Directors of
Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport

Conference 2016

Enabling good growth everywhere: Place leadership in uncertain times

**Thursday 24th & Friday 25th November 2016
Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport**

| DAY ONE | |
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| 9.00 | Registration and Refreshments |
| 10.00 | Welcome & Introduction Rupert Clubb, President of ADEPT |
| 10.10 | Plenary Session 1: Devolution, Devolution, Devolution <i>Chair: Simon Neilson</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Keith Glazier, Leader, East Sussex County Council• Dr Martin Reeves, Chief Executive, West Midlands Combined Authority and Chief Executive, Coventry City Council• Phil Swann, Executive Chair, Shared Intelligence |
| 11.10 | Refreshment Break |
| 11.40 | Plenary Session 2: Good, Bad, Indifferent - where next for devolution? <i>Chair: Simon Neilson</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Robert Light, Kirklees Council; also Deputy Chair, LGA Cities Board and Chair, West Yorkshire Combined Authority Scrutiny Commission• Liam Booth-Smith, Chief Executive, Localis• Tony Bray, Area Director, BEIS Cities & Local Growth |
| 12.40 | Concluding Remarks |
| 12.45 | Lunch |
| 13.35 | Plenary Session 3: Natural Opportunities for Growth <i>Chair: Neil Gibson</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Dora, Chair, Infrastructure Operators' Adaptation Forum• David Elliot, Group Strategy & New Markets Director, Wessex Water• Dr David Pencheon, Director, Sustainable Development Unit for NHS England / Public Health England |
| 14.40 | Refreshment Break |

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| 15.00 | Workshops |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delivering Houses in a Period of Austerity. Richard Blyth, RTPI; Simon Bandy, Local Partnerships. With Peter Geraghty, Southend BC as Chair. 2. Addressing the Skills Gap. Garfield Cameron, Penna; Robert Hunt, Veolia; Miranda Housden, ICE. With Rupert Clubb, East Sussex CC as Chair. 3. Capitalising on Growth: the Case for Valuing our Environment and Heritage. Steve Evans, South Gloucestershire Council; Paul Leinster, Natural Capital Committee; Sarah Fowler, Peak District National Park; Alan Law, Natural England. With Paula Hewitt, Somerset CC as Chair. 4. A Major Road Network for England - Joining Forces to Drive Economic Growth. The Rees Jeffreys Road Fund publishes its report <i>Major Roads for the Future</i> this autumn. David Quarmby sets out the proposition that the planned substantial investment in England's roads will only fulfil its full potential if there is more consistent planning, management and funding of all the major roads that matter to national and regional economies. With Paul Bird, Jacobs as Chair. 5. Autonomous Vehicles and Making Better Places. The session will focus on how autonomous vehicles will transform the way places and routes work opening new approaches to land-use planning. Rachel Skinner, WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff. |
| 16.00 | Refreshment Break |
| 16.20 | Plenary Session 4: Continuing the Transformation as Place Shapers <i>Chair: Neil Gibson</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaun Spiers, Chief Executive, Council for the Protection of Rural England • Jonathan Schifferes, Associate Director, Royal Society of Arts • Sarah Richards, Chief Executive, Planning Inspectorate • Felicity Algate, Director (North), The Behavioural Insights Team |
| 17.30 | Concluding Remarks |
| | End of Day One Programme |
| 17.45 | ADEPT General Meeting |
| 19.30 | Drinks Reception |
| 20.00 | Dinner |
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| Day 2 | |
| 8.00 | Registration (new arrivals only) and Refreshments |
| 9.00 | Welcome Rupert Clubb, President of ADEPT |
| 9.10 | Plenary Session 5: Public Sector Finance - how are we going to pay for it all? <i>Chair: Sonia Davidson-Grant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Lloyd, Chief Executive, Local Government Association • Alison Gordon, Director of Project Development, New Economy • Philip Cox, Chief Executive, Cheshire & Warrington LEP |
| 10.15 | Refreshment Break |
| 10.45 | Plenary Session 6: 21st Century Infrastructure - are we ready? <i>Chair: Rupert Clubb</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivan Stone, Stakeholder Engagement & Communications Director, Radioactive Waste Management • Peter Molyneux, Strategic Road Network Director, Transport for the North • Ian Crummack, Managing Director, Cobalt Energy • Simon Statham, Strategy Manager, Midlands Connect |
| 12.15 | Closing Remarks |
| 12.30 | Lunch and Close of the Conference |