

PROGRAMME: DAY ONE

9.00 Registration and Refreshments

9.30 **Welcome & Introduction**
Simon Neilson, ADEPT President / Walsall Council

Plenary Session 1 - How will the Government refocus its agenda in the post-election, pre-Brexit world?

Chair: Simon Neilson, ADEPT President / Walsall Council

9.45 **Paper 1. Where next for the Industrial Strategy?**
Alex Williams, Head of Sector Deals, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

10.00 **Paper 2. Investing in Infrastructure: What are the challenges and opportunities to delivering infrastructure fit for the future?**
Adam Cooper, Policy & Engagement Director, National Infrastructure Commission

10.15 **Paper 3. Tackling the national housing shortage and working with local government to unlock increased housing supply and transform the market**
Tom Walker, Deputy Chief Executive, Homes & Communities Agency

10.30 Question & Answer session

11.00 Refreshment Break

Plenary Session 2 - Delivering a sustainable future: what are some of the challenges and opportunities ahead of us?

Chair: Nigel Riglar, ADEPT Vice President / Gloucestershire County Council

11.30 **Paper 1. A manifesto for a greener UK: delivering ambitious environmental outcomes**
Tamsin Cooper, Strategy Director, Green Alliance

11.45 **Paper 2. Energy futures: how do we navigate pathways through the uncertain energy landscape?**
Marcus Stewart, Head of Energy Insights, National Grid

12.00 **Paper 3. Big data, smart systems: how does local government harness the power of big data to find creative solutions?**
Dr Nabil Abou-Rahme, Head of Smart Infrastructure, Mott MacDonald

12.15 Question & Answer session

12.45 Lunch

14.00 **Workshops**

1. Highways and developments: opportunities not obstacles

Chair: Mike Ashworth, Chair, ADEPT Transport Board / Derbyshire County Council

Speaker: Paul Newark, Vice Chair, Rights of Way Managers Working Group

2. The impact of Industry 4.0 on the highway sector

Chair: Parvis Khansari, Chair, ADEPT Engineering Board / Wiltshire Council

Speaker: Yogesh Patel, Process & Improvement Director, Ringway

3. Future energy systems: how do local authorities enable 'energy smart' places, and potentially also become energy generators of the future?

Chair: Ian Crummack, Chief Executive Officer, Cobalt Energy

Speakers: Dr Alastair Martin, Chief Strategy Officer, Flexitricity and Sheryl French, Project Director, Energy Investment Unit, Cambridgeshire County Council

4. How digital innovation can deliver more efficient and effective place-based services

Chairs: Neil Gibson, ADEPT Vice President / Buckinghamshire County Council & Sonia Davidson Grant, SDG Consulting

Speakers: David Binding, Group Commercial Director, Ringway; Martin Duffy, Collaboration & Improvement Director, Kier and Steve Berry OBE, Head, Highways Maintenance, Innovation, Resilience, Light Rail & Cableways, DfT

5. Creating resilient places

Chair: Rupert Clubb, Immediate Past President, ADEPT / East Sussex County Council

Speaker: Dr Kathryn Oldham OBE, Chief Resilience Officer, Greater Manchester Combined Authority

15.00 Refreshment Break

15.15 **Workshops (repeats)**

16.15 Refreshment Break

16.30 **Roundtable hackathon: Tackling the thorny issue of air quality**

Chair: Paula Hewitt, Chair, ADEPT Environment Board / Somerset County Council

- Houda Al Sharifi, Director of Public Health, Richmond & Wandsworth / Association of Directors of Public Health
- Andrea Lee, Healthy Air Campaigner, ClientEarth

17.45 Summary & End of Day One Programme

18.15 **ADEPT General Meeting**

19.30 Drinks Reception

20.00 Dinner

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PROGRAMME: DAY TWO

8.00 Registration (new arrivals only) and Refreshments

9.00 **Welcome**

Special Plenary: The ADEPT 50 / 50 Leaders Network

Over 75% of the local government workforce is women, yet only one in four LAs directors is female. How can ADEPT encourage and support more women into leadership roles?

Chair: Rupert Clubb, Immediate Past President, ADEPT / East Sussex County Council

Speakers: Liz Parkes, Deputy Director, Environment Agency & Benita Mehra, President, Women's Engineering Society

10.00 **Plenary Session 3 - Working in partnership with the private sector**

Chair: Neil Gibson, ADEPT Vice President / Buckinghamshire County Council

10.10 **Paper 1. Examining the role of digital in creating places**

Jason Pavey, Market Director for Local Transport, Atkins

10.25 **Paper 2. A private sector view of post-Election, pre-Brexit, economy and challenges**

Scott Wardrop, Chief Executive, Ringway

10.40 **Paper 3. Transforming public services delivery**

Neil Sartorio, Partner, Local Public Services, EY

10.55 Question & Answer session

11.10 Refreshment Break

11.25 **Plenary Session 4 - Funding in the future**

Chair: Darryl Evers, ADEPT Vice President / Staffordshire County Council

11.30 **Paper 1. Funding delivery of the Industrial Strategy**

Simon Ridley, Director General, Department for Communities & Local Government

11.45 **Paper 2. What might a model for regional funding post-Brexit look like?**

Councillor Kevin Bentley, Chair, Local Government Association Brexit Task & Finish Group

12.00 **Paper 3. What are the implications of localism for local government spending?**

Professor Tony Travers, Director, LSE London

12.15 Question & Answer session

12.30 **Closing Remarks**

Simon Neilson, ADEPT President

12.45 **Lunch and Close of the Conference**