

'50 for 30' climate change case studies

Following on from our climate change seminar with our corporate partners in March, and the spring conference in June – where we launched our climate change position statement ([here](#)) and adaptation good practice guide in partnership with Defra's Local Adaptation Advisory Panel ([here](#)) - the Leadership Team agreed a programme of work on climate change that will position ADEPT and local government in preparation for the UN Conference of Parties (COP26). The UK has bid successfully to host this event in Glasgow in November 2020.

Many councils, and the Local Government Association, have declared a 'climate emergency'. We are keen to support ADEPT members as they develop plans to deliver on their zero carbon commitments. We are planning to hold regional action learning events for councils to come together and explore climate emergency solutions (see below), and will seek opportunities to secure Government funding to pilot innovative local solutions.

We also want to identify, support and promote case studies where ADEPT members are implementing practical measures to achieve a rapid transition to zero carbon – the working title for this particular initiative is '50 for 30' (i.e. 50 case studies for rapid transition to net zero or adaptation by 2030).

An independent expert Advisory Panel has been set up to evaluate the case studies and identify those with the greatest potential to deliver rapid transition.

The first meeting of the advisory Panel was on 24th October, chaired by Nigel Riglar and with representatives from Friends of the Earth, the Environment Agency, the Rapid Transition Alliance, the LGA, and LEDNet. Members were asked to 'bring your own' case study to exemplify a range of climate change mitigation and adaptation approaches – a good example of effective local rapid transition – and do a brief 5 minute presentation to the meeting to highlight what makes it important and different from much of the work that localities have been doing previously.

The original idea had been to use this exercise to develop a checklist of what makes an effective local intervention, and to then use this to call for more case studies to share and learn from. However, it became clear that there is already a growing number of case study resources, and ADEPT might instead make a distinctive contribution by focusing on developing a resource for Place Directors that will help them orchestrate actions at different levels (individual, organisational, place, national) and across different sectors (homes, transport, energy, business, public engagement). We will develop a proposal for this and take it back to the Advisory Panel in the new year.