

ADEPT Environment Board update – February 2021

The Environment Board met on 27th January. Katy Losse and Keith Davis from the National Audit Office presented the results of 3 NAO studies published recently – Achieving Government’s long-term environmental goals, Achieving net zero, and Managing flood risk link. They also outlined the NAO’s current work on local government and net zero, due for publication in the summer. A number of councils volunteered to contribute to this work.

Other guest speakers were:

- Andrew Holden (Defra) – Local Nature Recovery Strategies
- Katherine Hunt (Defra) – update on the revised timetable for the Environment Bill.

Presentations are available on the website [here](#).

The Board had a shorter catch-up meeting on 24th February to share Covid-19 service resilience and recovery updates, and prepare for a Defra stakeholder forum meeting later that day.

Looking forward, the Board has another catch-up scheduled for 24th March, and a full meeting on 28th April when the agenda will include guest speakers on the new Office for Environmental Protection, and the Dasgupta Review (The Economics of Biodiversity).