

ADEPT Transport and Connectivity Board Update September 2019

The Transport and Connectivity Board met for the first time in its new guise at the start of September. We had some really useful updates from the working groups including the Rights of Way Group, who are developing their relationship with Network Rail and would like some support from an authority that has a reasonable number of carriageway level crossings – if you can help let us know. We welcomed the Digital Connectivity Group who gave their first update and will be hosting a corporate partners seminar on 26th September and the National Traffic Managers' Forum reminded us of their first annual conference which is being held on 3rd October and will be looking at the future of Network Management. Some really positive activity and I am grateful to all those involved in the working groups for their continued contribution. We were joined at the meeting by the National Audit Office who wanted to talk to us about a piece of work they are doing around the value for money of bus services; we hope to continue to be engaged in this piece of work given the importance of good bus services to the delivery of our transport strategies across the country and the difficulties we all face achieving this. Finally we had a presentation from England's Economic Heartland about their draft transport strategy which is currently out to consultation. We are looking at the consultation document and considering providing an ADEPT response to the document.