

ADEPT Digital Connectivity Working Group

For the second time in the month, the Digital Connectivity Working Group met via Zoom on 18 May. Eight local authorities were represented, along with representation from the Local Government Association (LGA), Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership and Building Digital UK (BDUK).

An update was received from Andy Carter (Operating Model, Governance & Stakeholder Lead, BDUK) on the Outside in Programme and his work with the ADEPT Task and Finish Group. Having a small group working directly with part of DCMS on specific actions, continues to be extremely beneficial. A Q&A session concluded that there was still merit in the Task and Finish Group continuing its routine engagement with Andy.

The Group had a roundtable discussion on 5G and explored working collaboratively and the sharing of best practice.

The group are considering the appropriateness of responding to the Science and Technology Committee inquiry to understand how telecommunications capacity can be built in the UK (ahead of 30 June 2020 evidence submission date).

The next meeting of the Group is scheduled for 14 July 2020.

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