



East of England Board

Agenda

Date: Tuesday 29 March 2022
Venue: Virtual Teams meeting
Start: 4-5pm
Chair: Steve Cox (PCC/CCC)
Vice-Chair: Grahame Bygrave (Norfolk)

Guests: Paula Hewitt – ADEPT President
 Steve Blackmore - DfT

Attendees: Steve Cox
 Graham Bygrave
 Mark Kemp
 Steve Cox
 Hannah Bartram
 Patsy Dell
 Oliver Howarth
 Nicola Monk

Welcome		
1	Apologies for absence, Welcome & Introduction	SC
Guest Speaker		
2	Bus Policy Reform	SB
<p>BSIPs been analysed by both teams in DfT and compared against BSIP guidance. ARAPs (consultant) also did this. Some will get what they asked for, some will not get all they asked for, some will get nothing. Decision was not to spread money around local authorities. Treasury heavily involved in this. Hoping letters go out this week/next week to tell LA what they got. Those who received nothing will not be receiving a letter.</p> <p>Next steps to look at support packages for those receiving funding and also those not receiving anything. Support ambitious areas and also support areas who need to do more. Eg Herts 3 yrs ago</p>		

	<p>were nowhere, help from DfT to allow them to improve buses. Keep an eye on this LA to see what they will do with the funding and partnership work they have received. Engagement with DfT is key. Key is knowing what DfT want from LA. Bid writing is also key. No impressive bids this time.</p> <p>All successful offers will include instructions on indicative allocation. For those partially successful are you going to say what supporting? Think there will be a further round of clarification. Likely to give money as long as do as DfT ask. LA's need to be as competitive as possible.</p> <p>Need LA to know how to bid more effectively. Interaction/work with DfT beforehand essential. There will be more rounds of funding. Eg an authority did not include parking in their original bid, but DfT saw this as essential to bid – it was assumed and not stated.</p> <p>If not included, then will assume there is a reason for that. If cannot do immediately, then include why and if there is a way forward. Anyone who leaves information out thinks this is not going to be done. If not doing something, say why and what going to do about it. Read guidance. One submission said will work out risks once received money, DfT will think that this is too risky and will mark you down.</p> <p>Next thing is what support package will look like for each authority.</p>	
Standing Items		
3	Roundtable updates including Feedback from Existing ADEPT groups Including Covid-19 with Return to Office/Home Working	ALL
	<p>LUF one slight change in categorisation of district. Starting to think about in Herts. Nothing last time, money in community renewal fund. No bid as Herts last time, need to think about next time. Under pressure capacity wise, but if do not go for it never know. Also regeneration project being pulled together. A lot of effort.</p> <p>GB – mention on funding received - liaising with DfT working on Norwich scheme put forward as proposal. Issue with resource/capacity. This picked up national as well as locally.</p> <p>NM – Luf – cultural leisure bid from first round. Guidance looks same for LUF round 2, small pots of monies given to LA to help.</p> <p>First two weeks after budget announcement had first couple of years where budget balanced, but impact or resource challenges and increased costs, budgets are no longer balancing.</p> <p>A lot of cuts in environment rather than social care.</p>	
4	ADEPT Update	HB
	ADEPT Spring Conference, AGM and Presidential Awards Dinner on Thursday 26 May HB encouraged LAs to enter the awards.	
Meeting Close		
5	Forward agenda plan including suggestions for guest speakers	SC
	Not discussed	
6	AOB	ALL
	None	

Next Meeting Date:

24 May 2022 – ADEPT President – Paula Hewitt