

## **ADEPT South West Sub National Board – 31 March 2022**

The Board received an update from Hannah Bartram, ADEPT CEO on the latest ADEPT business and the work of the subject Boards. Andy Rhind provided an update from the DfT covering key announcements made since the last meeting in January. The Board then received an update from Sally Farley, Plymouth City Council and Peter Binley, Wiltshire Council on the progress being made by Peninsula Transport and Western Gateway SNTBs.

The Board then welcomed Emily Manser, Area Lead for Swindon and Wiltshire, Cities and Local Growth Unit (CLGU) who presented an overview of the Levelling Up White Paper. The Board heard in more detail about CLGU's main areas of focus and activity as well as the policy programme and what that means for the South West.

Lastly the Board received a presentation from Kat Deeney, Head of Environmental Planning, Plymouth City Council on the work that Plymouth has been doing around green finance opportunities and new sustainable funding models. The Council looked at market opportunities working with Finance Earth and identified four areas of focus:

- Habitat Banking - ensuring local delivery of biodiversity net gain.
- The Plymouth and South Devon Community Forest – green carbon sales, through existing woodland carbon schemes.
- Blue Carbon – an opportunity to gain accreditation for marine restoration projects that deliver carbon.
- Sustainable Urban Drainage - to deliver new approaches to surface water management.

There is real potential for these models to be replicated across other local authority areas and the Council would welcome discussions with other local authorities should this be of interest. This work builds on the Council's participation in the Future Parks Accelerator Programme and learning is being shared with other cities in this cohort.