

ACTION AND DECISION NOTES

Meeting title: Midlands Board

Date: 24th June 2022

Location: Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Attendees		
First Name	Surname	Organisation
Ann	Carruthers	Leicestershire County Council
Sue	Halliwell	West Berkshire Council
Karen	Farquharson	Cranfield Innovation Centre
Dr Michael	Bingham	Department for Levelling up, housing and communities
Andy	Gutherson	Lincolnshire County Council
Claire	Brailsford	Derbyshire County Council
Martin	Rowe	Birmingham City Council
Mary	Morrissey	Solihull Borough Council
Penny	Sharp	Rutland County Council
Jonathan	Vining	Staffordshire County Council
Scott	Tompkins	Warwickshire County Council
Sarah	Spink	Midlands Connect

Apologies		
First Name	Surname	Organisation
Adrian	Smith	Nottinghamshire County Council
Kamaljit	Khokhar	National Highways
Phil	Edwards	Birmingham City Council
Paul	Kitson	Birmingham City Council
Chris	Henning	Nottingham City Council
Andrew	Pritchard	EM Councils
Louise	Clayton	Staffordshire County Council
Balvinder	Heran	Dudley Council
Sarah	Middleton	Black Country Consortium Ltd
Dean	Sargent	Telford & Wrekin Council
Angie	Astley	Telford & Wrekin Council
Ann	Boyd	Enterprise Stoke Staffordshire

AGENDA ITEM	DECISION or ACTION BY
<p>1. <u>New Local Net Zero Forum – Sue Halliwell</u></p> <p>Ann welcomed Sue to the group and congratulated her on her new role at Bracknell Forest Council as their new CEO. Unfortunately, this means Sue will need to step down from the ADEPT role.</p> <p>The purpose of the forum is to bring organisations together, share development and focus on where the challenges and opportunities are. The first hybrid meeting took place on Monday 23rd June 2022.</p> <p>The following organisations are included in the forum BEIS, DHLUC, DfT, HMT, ADEPT, APSE, UK100, London Councils, NALC, Solace, DCN, CCN and CIPFA</p> <p>The group will meet quarterly with task and finish groups taking place in between.</p> <p>The 4 keys areas which will be discussed are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local government role and responsibilities • Data/metrics • Funding • Capability and capacity <p>The forum is in the early stages and ADEPT could help resource some of the task and finish group (still to be agreed).</p> <p>The challenge is how we bring it together without duplicating. Concern was raised regarding capacity issues, sharing, and understanding how it fits together.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Human Capital Management (HCM) Research Project – Karen Farquharson</u></p> <p>Please see presentation attached with these notes.</p> <p>Karen informed the group that workshops are taking place July – September to identify, define, assess, and develop pragmatic solutions.</p> <p>If you are interested in attending please Contact Karen Farquharson (k.farquharson@provingservices.co.uk)</p>	
<p>3. <u>Planning aspects of the levelling up & regeneration bill - Michael Bingham</u></p> <p>Michael was welcomed to the meeting. He gave a brief overview of the bill including aims and timings and then asked the group for questions.</p> <p>The Bill, and its Explanatory Notes, can be found on the Parliamentary website.</p> <p>It was suggested Michael be invited back to a future ADEPT meeting once more information becomes available.</p>	

4	<p><u>Any other business/ADEPT Updates</u></p> <p>Ann Carruthers needed to leave the meeting and so Andy Gutherson took over as Chair.</p> <p>Spring Conference – Event was positive, and it was good to see people face to face and interact.</p> <p>The next meeting is taking place on 23rd September 2022 at 9am. If you have any agenda items, please contact Adrian Smith/Jo Spurgin.</p>	