



Association of Directors of
Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport

ADEPT Energy and Clean Growth Group Terms of reference

Background

The Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport (ADEPT) represents Place Directors from county, unitary and metropolitan authorities, along with Local Enterprise Partnerships and corporate partners drawn from key service sectors. ADEPT members are at the very heart of maximising sustainable growth in communities throughout the UK. We are delivering the projects that are key to unlocking broader economic success and creating more resilient communities, economies, and infrastructure.

ADEPT Energy and Clean Growth Group

The Energy and Clean Growth Group is a sub-group of the ADEPT Environment Board. It supports and advises the Board on emerging issues and responds to requests for information relating to energy and clean growth. In addition, the Energy and Clean Growth Group links into the Climate Change Board and the Sustainable Growth Board to highlight key areas that need strategic focus.

Remit

The Energy and Clean Growth Group focuses on integrating environment and climate change into decision making and policy. It concentrates on three main areas:

1. Corporate Decision Making – policy, strategy, and key decisions such as guidance or toolkits.
2. Commissioning and Procurement – integrating environmental considerations into commissioning and procurement processes.
3. Place based strategic guidance – developing design guides and principles and integrating environment, natural capital, climate change into strategic planning and place making.

Underlying these areas is the principle of supporting the future green and low carbon economy.

The objectives of the Group are to:

1. Represent local authority energy and clean growth interests at a national level.
2. Engage with government, national agencies, and other bodies to input into the development of policy, guidance, and practice. Collectively respond to consultation issues that would be appropriate at a national level.
3. Share knowledge, develop and disseminate best practice and promote innovation to support and enhance the effectiveness of delivery. Develop agreed approaches to monitoring and measuring impact that promote consistency across local authorities and support a unified approach.
4. Support and promote training and education in appropriate skills, tools, and techniques, specifically covering green economy and green business case models.

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5. Promote effective and innovative practice and sustainable development across ADEPT, with other partners and within the energy and clean growth agenda. Raise awareness of how climate change can be effectively integrated into decision making and how it can support other objectives.
6. Provide a coordinated approach to research opportunities.
7. Support local authorities in their work on Local Area Energy Planning and grid-scale infrastructure investment.
8. Identifying the gaps in local authority evidence bases to improve quality of information, and how this can be used to inform devolved models of collaboration between central and local governments across rural and urban areas with different governance mechanisms.

Membership

The Group's membership is voluntary and is drawn from Directors and Senior Officers at member local authorities and LEPs.

It also includes representatives from other organisations including:

- DESNZ
- Innovate UK

Key personnel are:

- Chair: Sheryl French, Cambridgeshire County Council
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- Secretariat: Bayley Wooldridge, Cambridgeshire County Council
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Meetings and other activities

Meetings are held every six weeks and cover topics relating to the three main objectives. Any conflicts of interest are declared by members before discussing relevant agenda items.