

## **RIGHTS OF WAY MANAGERS 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.

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##### **Remit**

The aim of the Group is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public rights of way and access legislation and working practice through dialogue with DEFRA, DoT, DCLG and other government departments and agencies. It works with Landowner and User Groups and encourages the sharing of good practice among its members.

The objectives of the group are:

- To support the Transport Board by providing technical advice on public rights of way and access management.
- To represent Local Authority Public Rights of Way, Highway and Surveying Authority and access interests at a national level.
- Share, develop and influence good practice between regional groups and also other ADEPT Working Groups and Subject Boards.
- Collaborate, communicate, and disseminate matters raised at a regional level and from other Working Groups and Subject Boards.
- Collectively respond to consultation issues that would be appropriate at a national level.
- Report on issues raised specifically by the ADEPT Transport Board and if appropriate represent ADEPT at Select Committees and other relevant national groups.
- Provide a coordinated approach to research opportunities and support specialist training and development.

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- Align with the ADEPT's Strategic Plan, '*Shaping Places for thriving communities*', [here](#). 'To shape the places in which people live and work, building successful communities that are fit for the future and enabling good growth.' The priorities being People, Planning & Place, over the timeframes of 2017-20, 2020-2035 and beyond 2035.

## **Membership**

The group's membership is voluntary and is drawn from Countryside/Rights of Way Managers/Team Leaders at member local authorities. It also includes representatives from:

- DEFRA
- Natural England
- IPROW
- Welsh Authorities
- National Park Authorities

Key personnel are:

- Chair:
- Vice Chair
- Regional chair or deputy or representative to attend from each region
- Secretary – This function is currently undertaken on a rotating basis amongst the regions represented

## **Meetings and other activities**

- Guest speakers and other agencies invited to attend as required.
- Meet 4 times a year and rotate chair, vice chair every 2 years.
- Extraordinary meetings will be called when necessary e.g. deadlines fall outside of normal meetings.

Meetings cover key aspects of access legislation, national and regional advice and guidance, information sharing and training.

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