



Association of Directors of
Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport

Conference 2016

Enabling good growth everywhere: Place leadership in uncertain times

Thursday 24th & Friday 25th November 2016
Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport

DAY ONE	
9.00	Registration and refreshments
10.00	Welcome & introduction Rupert Clubb, President of ADEPT
10.10	Keynote Address: Looking out, looking in TBC
10.40	Plenary Session 1: Devolution, devolution, devolution <i>Chair: Simon Neilson</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Martin Reeves, Chief Executive, West Midlands Combined Authority and Chief Executive, Coventry City Council• Clive Betts, Chair, Communities & Local Government Committee (invited)
11.30	Refreshment break
12.00	Plenary Session 2: Good, bad, indifferent – where next for devolution? <i>Chair: Simon Neilson</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Robert Light, Kirklees Council; also Deputy Chair, LGA Cities Board and Chair, West Yorkshire Combined Authority Scrutiny Commission• Liam Booth-Smith, Chief Executive, Localis
12.50	Concluding remarks
13.00	Lunch
13.50	Plenary Session 3: Natural opportunities for growth <i>Chair: Neil Gibson</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Dora, Chair, Infrastructure Operators' Adaptation Forum• David Elliot, Group Strategy & New Markets Director, Wessex Water• Dr David Pencheon, Director, Sustainable Development Unit for NHS England / Public Health England
15.00	Comfort break

15.15	Workshops
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delivering houses in a period of austerity. Catriona Riddell; Richard Blyth, RTPI; Simon Bandy, Local Partnerships with Peter Geraghty, Southend BC as Chair. 2. Addressing the skills gap. Garfield Cameron, Penna; Robert Hunt, Veolia; Miranda Housden, ICE with Rupert Clubb as Chair. 3. Capitalising on growth: the case for valuing our environment and heritage. Steve Evans, South Gloucestershire Council; Paul Leinster, Natural Capital Committee; Sarah Fowler, Peak District National Park; Alan Law, Natural England with Paula Hewitt as Chair. 4. A Major Road Network for England - joining forces to drive economic growth. The Rees Jeffreys Road Fund publishes its report <i>Major Roads for the Future</i> this autumn. David Quarmby sets out the proposition that the planned substantial investment in England's roads will only fulfil its full potential if there is more consistent planning, management and funding of all the major roads that matter to national and regional economies. With Paul Bird, Jacobs as Chair. 5. Innovative technology debate. Is continued personal car use sustainable or should it be reduced over the next two decades and replaced with demand responsive driverless cars? Stelios Roudoulis, Jacobs and Rachel Skinner, WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff.
16.15	Refreshment break
16.30	<p>Plenary Session 4: Continuing the Transformation as Place Shapers <i>Chair: Nigel Riglar</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaun Spiers, Chief Executive, Council for the Protection of Rural England • Phil Swann, Executive Chair, Shared Intelligence • Jonathan Schifferes, Associate Director, Royal Society of Arts • Sarah Richards, Chief Executive, Planning Inspectorate • Felicity Aldgate, Director (North), The Behavioural Insights Team
18.00	Concluding remarks
	End of Day One Programme
19.00	Drinks Reception
20.00	Dinner

Day 2	
8.00	Registration (new arrivals only) and refreshments
9.00	Welcome Rupert Clubb, President of ADEPT
9.10	Plenary Session 5: 21st Century infrastructure: are we ready? <i>Chair: Rupert Clubb</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivan Stone, Stakeholder Engagement & Communications Director, Radioactive Waste Management • Peter Molyneux, Strategic Road Network Director, Transport for the North • Ian Crummack, Managing Director, Cobalt Energy • Simon Statham, Strategy Manager, Midlands Connect
10.30	Refreshment break
11.00	Plenary Session 6: Public Sector Finance – how are we going to pay for it all? <i>Chair: Sonia Davidson-Grant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Lloyd, Chief Executive, Local Government Association • Tom Walker, Director, Cities & Local Growth Unit, BEIS / DCLG • Tony Travers, Director, LSE London (invited)
12.15	Closing Remarks – Rupert Clubb, President of ADEPT
12.30	Lunch and close of the conference