

ADEPT Engineering Board update October 2020

The Engineering Board met virtually on Friday 9th October.

The meeting included a presentation by Atkins on their Digital Intelligent Brokerage project. This project was funded by DfT. The purpose was to improve access and communication between Highway Authorities and SMEs and to enable that communication to address some of the issues relating to the Pothole challenge, by breaking the problems down into elements, where individual solutions offered by SMEs could be found to address those small elements. One of the benefits of this project was to involve SMEs from companies which would not traditionally be involved with highway maintenance, and bringing in learning from other industries.

There were further updates on how authorities are delivering the highway service during the Covid 19 Pandemic, as well as on the Live Lab projects underway at Kent, Staffordshire and Suffolk County Councils.

Mark Stevens announced that as he was imminently departing from Suffolk County Council, he would have to step down from the role of Chair of the Engineering Board. He was thanked for his leadership of the Board, particularly his involvement in the Highway Sector Scheme, and the Live Lab projects.