



Association of Directors of  
Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport

## **Midlands Board Terms of reference (updated April 2021)**

### **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.

### **Midlands Board**

#### **Remit**

Attending the ADEPT Midlands Board is an opportunity to take some time out of the office and be inspired by a range of interesting speakers and topics.

It has been agreed that the purpose of this group meeting is based on the following eight items:

- Shared Intelligence
- Engaging with the Midlands Engine and Midlands Connect
- Being recognised as the voice of the sector with a focus on regional body engagement
- Safe place to have dialogue on wider place agenda
- Peer support
- Assisting those individuals on a learning and development journey such as those on the ADEPT Aspiring Place Directors Programme and Deputies
- Focus on key themes and bringing subject group expertise around place. Looking at relationships around local and regional.
- Emphasis on key cross themes important to all of us

Any other relevant information or activities that the board/group undertakes.

#### **Membership**

The Midlands Board membership is voluntary and is drawn from member local authorities. It also includes representatives from:

- Highways England
- DfT
- Midlands Engine and Midlands Connect
- BEIS

Key personnel are:

- Chair: Adrian Smith, Nottinghamshire County Council

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- Deputy Chair: Louise Clayton, Staffordshire County Council
- Secretary: Jo Spurgin, Nottinghamshire County Council

## **Meetings and other activities**

Pre-pandemic, quarterly meetings held alternatively in East/West Midlands. Host authority also presents overview of Place strategy in locality and/or shares a wicked issue on which they'd welcome colleagues' input.

During the pandemic, meetings have been more irregular and hosted via Microsoft Teams.

A Midlands ADEPT Board Team has been created during Spring 2021 and will facilitate more ongoing dialogue between members on topics of mutual interest.