



Association of Directors of
Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport

ADEPT South West Board Terms of reference (Updated March 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.

The South West Board

Remit

The South West Board leads ADEPT's understanding and response to strategic issues and policies in the South West of England. The Board understands that, while sometimes local authorities in the region have differing priorities, economic growth is a shared aspiration and often needs to be unlocked and fostered through joint partnership working. In all situations sustainable growth requires good quality planning, investment and infrastructure.

The South West Board has a broad and diverse remit and provides the space for its Member organisations to respond to, influence and support each other in addressing and implementing strategic policies and issues that are of relevance to its area of focus. However regular items include the progress being made by the region's subnational transport bodies; Western Gateway and Peninsula Transport, climate change and the environment, discussions with government departments and partner agencies on policy changes, consultations and place based funding, the challenges faced by local government, and the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Membership

The Board's membership is voluntary and is drawn from Directors and Heads of Service at member local authorities and Local Enterprise Partnership Chief Executives. It includes representatives from:

Bath & North East Somerset Council
Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council
Bristol City Council
Cornwall Council
Devon County Council
Dorset Council
Gloucestershire County Council
North Somerset Council
Plymouth City Council

Somerset County Council
Swindon Borough Council
South Gloucestershire Council
Torbay Council
West of England Combined Authority
Wiltshire Council

Government departments / agencies and partners also attend from the Environment Agency, Highways England, DfT, MHCLG, BEIS, Defra, Homes England, Natural England, South West Highways Alliance, the LGA, the CBI and the Institute of Civil Engineers.

Key personnel as of March 2021 are as follows:

Board Chair: Anthony Payne (Plymouth)

Deputy Chair: Mandy Bishop (Bath & North East Somerset)

Meetings and other activities

The Board meets quarterly on-line. Meetings cover updates from Government departments and agencies on current issues. Invited speakers may also give presentations and updates on specific topics. Ad hoc meetings may be also called, for example as a result of COVID-19, to discuss specific urgent issues.

The Board seeks to keep members up to date on current issues, and to share knowledge and best practice between members, by circulating information between meetings.