



A NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR  
ADEPT LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

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**ADEPT has entered into an exclusive partnership with Proving Services, to offer membership of best practice research clubs and benchmarking services to ADEPT local authority members.**

The collaboration enables ADEPT local authority members to access the benefits offered by Proving Services **at no cost, or at a considerably reduced rate.**

## Proving Services

Proving Services is a small research organisation based at Cranfield University. The organisation has worked extensively to develop sector-leading, research-based tools and processes which are used extensively across the private and public sector.

### Partnership Benefits

This exclusive partnership between ADEPT and Proving Services has been designed to offer significant benefits. Benefits include:

- **Software toolkits & research** - access to a range of software toolkits, best practice and unique, evidence-based research papers for free, or at a significantly reduced cost.
- **Influence** - the chance to support strategic transformation, the implementation of sector-based innovation and deploy continuous value for money improvements.
- **Research Clubs** - the opportunity to take part in and benefit from three distinct Research Clubs.
- **Conference ticket** - a complimentary ticket to one of two annual conferences, in Manchester or London.
- **Financial savings for local authorities** - membership of the Value for Money (VfM) Benchmarking Clubs is via an annual subscription of £3,750 per club, representing a significant saving. In addition, Proving Services offer a certified VfM assessment for a single fee of £3,700 (typical cost £5,000 - £10,000).

*'I encourage ADEPT members to engage with this initiative, having been personally involved since its inception in 2014. The available tools help with optimising existing services (including savings opportunities), explore potential commercial options and, overall, can clarify (through Value Analyser) the extent to which value for money is being provided by the local highways service.'*

**Mark Stevens, Assistant Director Operational Highways, Suffolk County Council and a member of the Future Highways Research Club**

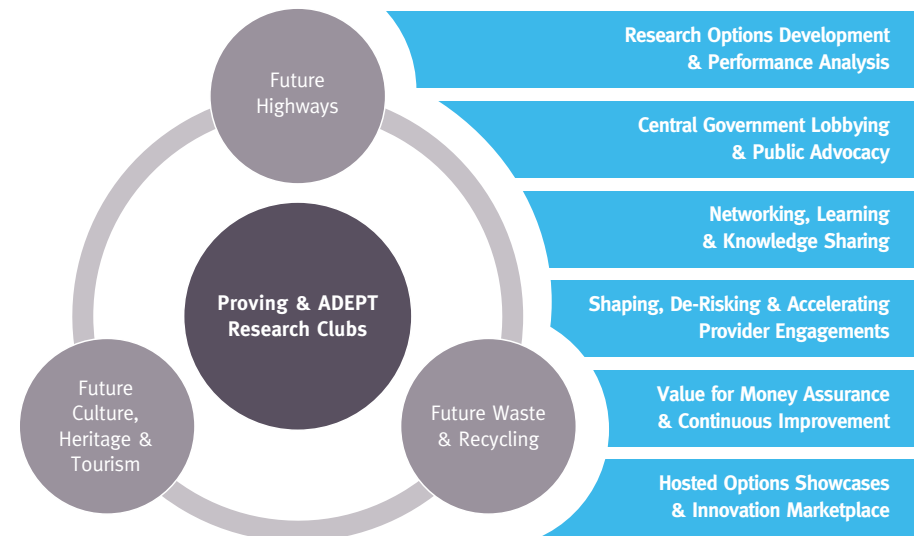
## Research Clubs

ADEPT local authority members have the opportunity to take part in and benefit from three distinct Research Clubs.

Each specialist club, attended by sector leaders, offers similar opportunities - to debate, design, develop, test and share innovative solutions to prevailing and emerging challenges.

The Research Clubs are:

- **Future Highways Research Club** - already established and extended to all ADEPT local authority members in autumn 2018.
- **Future Waste & Recycling Research Club** - to be launched autumn 2018.
- **Future Culture, Heritage & Tourism Research Club** - to be launched spring 2019.



## Value for Money (VfM) Benchmarking Clubs

In addition, a number of Value for Money (VfM) Benchmarking Clubs are available, all linked to the relevant Research Club.

They offer members use of Proving Services' Value Analyser toolkit and methodology, enabling members to undertake self-assessment reviews at whole service or function level, with benchmarking information available, if required.

## Certified VfM assessment

ADEPT local authority members also have the chance to undertake a certified Value for Money assessment through Proving Services at a significantly reduced fee.

## Costs and benefits

Both associate membership and full membership of each of the Research Clubs is free to ADEPT local authority members.

### Associate Membership

All local authority members of ADEPT are enrolled automatically as associate members. While associate members are not able to attend Research Club meetings, they are able to access key benefits from each club:

- Free access to research findings, many analytic tools, datasets and thought leadership articles available on the 'members only' area of the ADEPT website.
- Complimentary ticket to one of two annual conferences at Manchester or London.

### Full Membership

All local authority members of ADEPT can become full members of an individual Research Club, but numbers are restricted. Full membership gives the same benefits as associate membership but also the ability to:

- Attend and participate in all Research Club meetings.
- Assist in setting the research agenda.
- Act as a lead pioneer for a research theme.

### Benchmarking Clubs

Membership of the Benchmarking Clubs is via an annual subscription of £3,750 per club, representing a significant saving for ADEPT local authority members. The average cost of accessing these tools outside the partnership with ADEPT is £5,000 - £12,500.

### Benefits for ADEPT

ADEPT will receive a fee of £750 for each member it recruits to a Benchmarking Club. As a not-for-profit organisation, any surplus is ploughed back into the Association and used to further improve services to members.

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