



ODP General Meeting

12 January 2026

What's the purpose of this meeting?

- **When is it?** Monthly, first Monday of the month
- **Who is it?** Everyone involved in Open Digital Planning (over **174** LPAs, delivery partners and the MHCLG team)
- **What is it for?** It's our opportunity to give updates, share opportunities, showcase some of the work happening in the community, and (sometimes) bring in speakers from elsewhere that are relevant to the work we do
- **Is it recorded?** No, but we do add the slides to the ODP hub

Agenda

- Community update: Phil
- Spring event update: Phil & Chloe
- Planning directory: Alphie
- Product funding update: Charley
- Opportunities: Simon

Community update

DPIF (Phil)

- **Cohort 2** – have been completing Round 2 of their DPMA (21 out of 25 submitted)
- **Cohort 3** – coming towards the end of 12 months on DPIF and will doing Round 2 of their DPMA soon (dates TBC)
- **Cohort 4.1** - have submitted DPMAs and just over half have submitted their action plans.
Monthly reporting and sharing month notes on Slack from 31 January
- **Cohort 4.2** - **49** LPAs will be joining ODP in February
- **All LPAs** - DPIF Show and Tell Thursday 15th at 10AM

Digital Planning Fund Cohort 4.2

- Bedford Borough Council
- Blaby District Council
- Broads Authority
- Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council
- Burnley Borough Council
- Cherwell District Council
- Cheshire East Council
- Chorley Borough Council
- City of Bradford Metropolitan Council
- Cornwall Council
- Dartmoor National Park Authority
- Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
- Ealing Council
- East Suffolk Council
- Fareham Borough Council
- Gravesham Borough Council
- Hammersmith & Fulham Council
- Kirklees Council
- Lancaster City Council
- Lichfield District Council
- London Borough of Merton
- London Borough of Richmond upon Thames
- London Borough of Sutton
- Luton Borough Council

Digital Planning Fund Cohort 4.2 continued....

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- Middlesbrough Council
 - Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council
 - North West Leicestershire District Council
 - North York Moors National Park Authority
 - Norwich City Council
 - Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council
 - Peak District National Park Authority
 - Portsmouth City Council
 - Preston City Council
 - Reading Borough Council
 - Ribble Valley Council
 - Royal Borough of Greenwich
 - Rushcliffe Borough Council
 - Sevenoaks District Council
 - Slough Borough Council
 - South Ribble Borough Council
 - Stroud District Council
 - Sunderland City Council
 - Telford & Wrekin Council
 - Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council
 - Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
 - West Lancashire Borough Council
 - Woking Borough Council
 - Wokingham Borough Council
 - Wyre Forest District Council

Strategic Projects

- City of London Council – Digital Local Plan
Nikki Webber
- Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) & Greater London Authority (GLA) - Planning Data Hub (discovery)
Emma Poolan
- Lambeth Council – Building Control: Improving the System (alpha)
Catherine Neal

Spring event: Lake District National Park Authority

Lake District National Park Authority - Keswick

We're excited to bring the Open Digital Planning community together for our next away day, hosted by the brilliant Lake District National Park Authority on **Thursday 26th March 2026, 10am – 4pm**.

Nestled in one of the UK's most stunning landscapes, where tranquil lakes meet dramatic fells, this gathering will be a chance to step out of the everyday and into a space of fresh ideas, collaboration, and inspiration.

Venue: The Pencil Factory, Carding Mill Lane, Keswick, CA12 5NG.



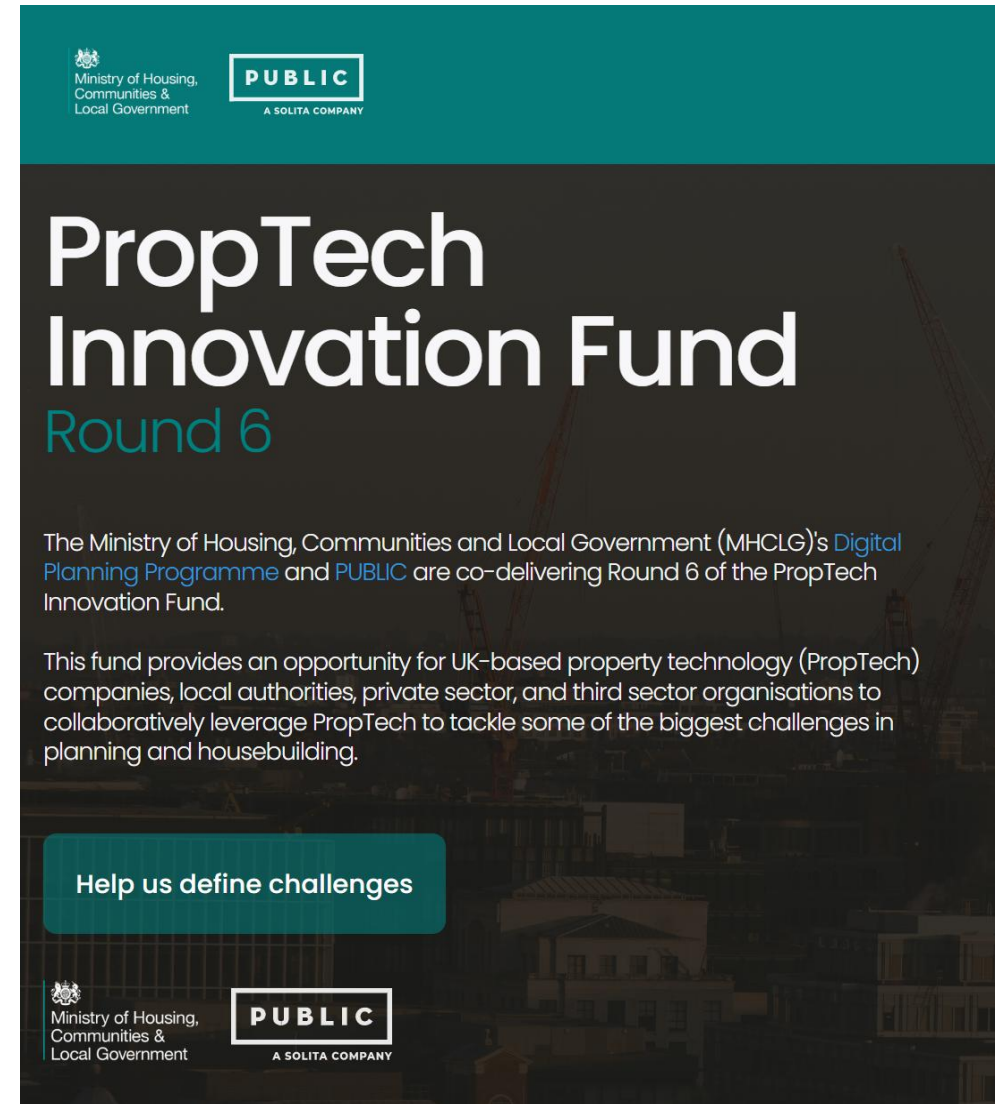
Open Digital Planning - Spring
Event - Lake District National Park



PropTech Updates

Innovation Fund

- Guidance from previous Rounds now on GOV.UK
- A huge well done to the Continuous Funding cohort for completing Round 4.5 in December
- Now conducting research for Round 6 – survey in the chat

A promotional banner for the PropTech Innovation Fund Round 6. The banner has a teal header and footer. The header contains the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government logo and the PUBLIC logo (A SOLITA COMPANY). The main body is dark with a background image of a city skyline at night. The title 'PropTech Innovation Fund' is in large white text, with 'Round 6' in teal. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text in white and teal. A teal button with white text 'Help us define challenges' is positioned in the lower middle. The footer also contains the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government logo and the PUBLIC logo (A SOLITA COMPANY).

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PropTech Innovation Fund

Round 6

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)'s [Digital Planning Programme](#) and [PUBLIC](#) are co-delivering Round 6 of the PropTech Innovation Fund.

This fund provides an opportunity for UK-based property technology (PropTech) companies, local authorities, private sector, and third sector organisations to collaboratively leverage PropTech to tackle some of the biggest challenges in planning and housebuilding.

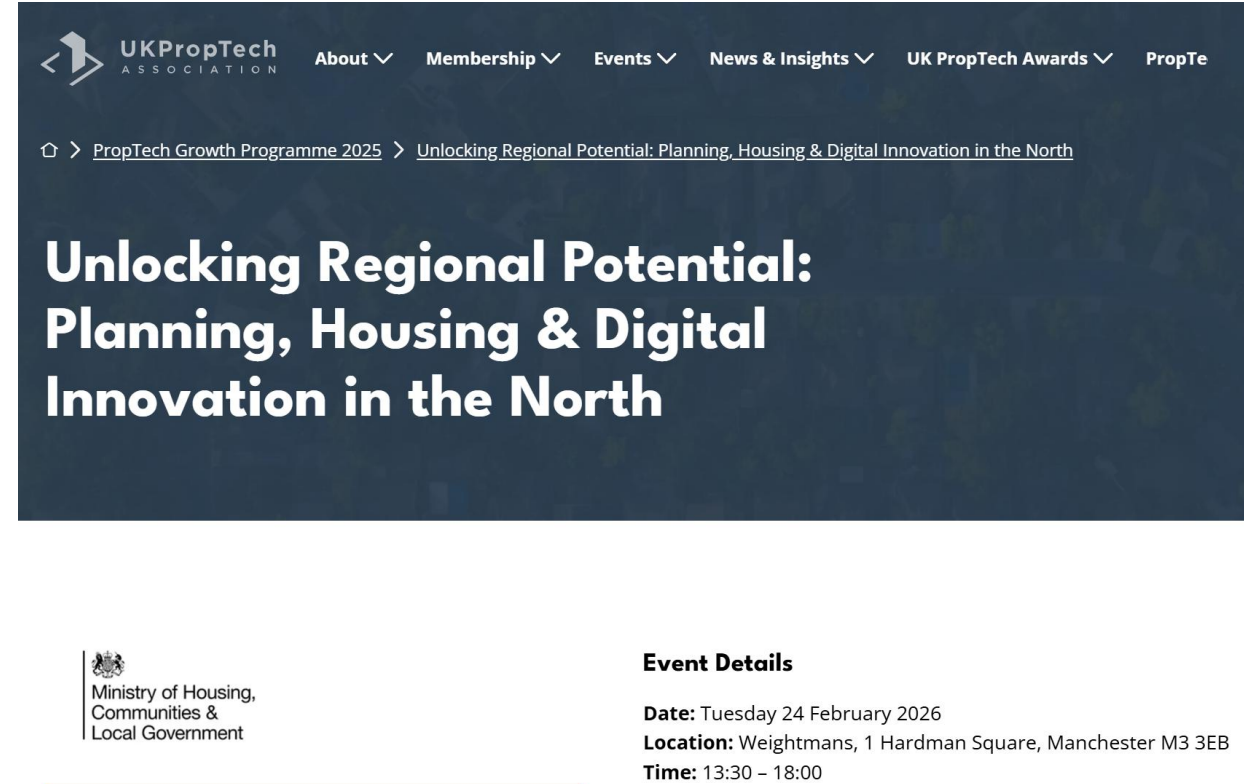
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Events

- PropTech Innovation Challenge: The Final Showcase 24th February in London
- UKPA: Unlocking Regional Potential in Manchester
- Digital Planning Directory: Driving Innovation Through Smarter Procurement on 27th January online



The screenshot shows the UKPropTech Association website. The header includes the logo and navigation links: About, Membership, Events, News & Insights, UK PropTech Awards, and PropTech. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home > PropTech Growth Programme 2025 > Unlocking Regional Potential: Planning, Housing & Digital Innovation in the North. The main heading is 'Unlocking Regional Potential: Planning, Housing & Digital Innovation in the North'. Below this, the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government logo is visible. To the right, under 'Event Details', the date is Tuesday 24 February 2026, the location is Weightmans, 1 Hardman Square, Manchester M3 3EB, and the time is 13:30 – 18:00.

UKPropTech ASSOCIATION

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Home > PropTech Growth Programme 2025 > Unlocking Regional Potential: Planning, Housing & Digital Innovation in the North

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Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

Event Details

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Product funding:

HNY!





Funding Call!!!

- EOI-based opportunity in Jan for up to 60 LPAs
- To support LPAs in the ODP Community to modernise planning services and software used in decision-making



Two funding tracks

Track 1.

PlanX adoption

Up to 30 LPAs

£20,000 for licensing

Delivery requirements

Track 2.

Existing Back Office System Improvements

Up to 30 LPAs

£20,000 for relevant work with existing suppliers

Delivery requirements

Open to ODP LPAs only, via an expression of interest. Must have *demonstrated significant efforts in modernising planning services through delivery of the majority of DPIF datasets on the Planning Data Platform**

Timeline and process

Activity	Date
Funding announced	12 th January 2026 (ODP General Meeting)
Q&As	w/c 12 th and 19 th January 2026
Written proposals submitted	23 rd January 2026
Feedback provided	w/c 26 th January 2026
Interviews (if needed)	w/c 26 th January 2026
Final funding amounts agreed	6 th February 2026
Funds shipped	Late-February 2026

- [Application for Digital Planning Improvement continuation \(PlanX Adoption\)](#)
- [Application for Digital Planning Improvement continuation \(Application Processing\)](#)

Questions?

- LPAs can apply for both funds if they are eligible. NB: there are additional eligibility criteria for PlanX adoption funding
- We will have Q&A/drop ins and demos running:
 - MHCLG Q&A/drop-in – Wed 14th 1.30-2.00 - [join here](#)
 - MHCLG Q&A/drop-in – Tues 20th 3.30-4.00 - [join here](#)
 - OSL PlanX demo – Fri 16th 11-12 – [join here](#)
 - OSL PlanX demo – Wed 21st 1.30-2.30 - [join here](#)
 - **LINKS to meetings to be provided via slack and hub by end of today**

Opportunities

Learning and development opportunities: Simon

101s

- Change Management 101 Wednesday 14th at 11:30
- Citizen Engagement 101 Wednesday 21st at 11:30
- Leadership and Governance 101 Wednesday 28th January at 11.30
- Procurement 101 Wednesday 4th February at 11.30 (rescheduled from December)

GIS

- 2 Spaces left for January on tomorrows Data Cleansing course – All others full
- New dates for February will be announced very soon
- If you book a place and can't attend, please give plenty of notice

Agile full day

- Finalising dates and venue.....
- Likely to be early March

Tell your story!

- We'd like to continue LPA showcase slots at future General Meetings
- If you'd like to take a 10 minute showcase slot, please get in touch with Tom
- Showcases are the same short story-telling moments we have at our in-person events, opportunities to hear from the range of LPAs in ODP and all the interesting work happening!

Thank you!

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