

Note of last Culture, Tourism & Sport Board meeting

Title: Culture, Tourism & Sport Board
Date: Thursday 23 February 2017
Venue: The Bristol Hotel. Prince St, Bristol BS1 4QF

Attendance

An attendance list is attached as **Appendix A** to this note

Item Decisions and actions

1 Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. There were no declarations of interest.

The Chair thanked Cllr Henig for hosted the CTS Conference dinner on the 22 February.

2 Speaker: Cllr Estella Tincknell, Deputy Mayor of Bristol

The Chair introduced Cllr Estella Tincknell, Deputy Mayor of Bristol and portfolio holder for Arts and Strategy.

Cllr Tincknell outlined the composition and governance of Bristol City Council. She discussed the city and current key issues, including divisions, and problems with congestion and transport. Though GDP growth was good, house prices were high. The council was aware that good housing, health and education opportunities needed to be available to help build strong communities.

She highlighted Bristol's diversity and its strengthening reputation for culture. The council was working in partnership with other organisations to deliver cultural projects. She touched on the savings the council was making whilst delivering cultural services. The council's cultural strategy (due to be published in April) would assist in this area.

The following points were made:

- Members requested that Cllr Tincknell feedback on the success of the cultural strategy after publication.
- There was a brief discussion on what the council would look for in terms of LGA support and Arts Council England's policy of match funding.

Decision:

1. The board **noted** the presentation.

Action:

1. Cllr Tincknell to provide feedback to board members after Bristol City Council's Cultural Strategy is published.

3 CLG Select Committee Public Parks Inquiry

Ian Leete, Senior Adviser, introduced the report, advising members that CLG select committee had published a report on the state of public parks which included a number of recommendations for the LGA, councils, and central government. Andrew Percy MP had started a cross government group to consider this issue. He asked members to feedback any thoughts on the proposed work.

The following points were made:

- There was some concern that the board's work plan was sufficient at the current time.
- Members requested that the LGA respond to key recommendations in the report in order to guard the reputation of local government.
- There was concern about the language used and that the paper promoted a one size fits all approach.

Decision:

1. The board **noted** the report.

Action:

1. A letter to be drafted, with the input of lead members, to respond to the report's recommendations, particularly those concerning the LGA.

4 Outside Bodies

The Chair introduced the item.

Cllr Colin Organ updated the board on the latest Tourism Alliance Board meeting, informing members that they were invited to the Tourism Alliance Parliamentary Reception on the 27 March.

Decision:

1. Members **noted** the report.

Action:

1. MSO to send invitation to Tourism Alliance Parliamentary Reception to members.

5 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Decision:

The board **agreed** the minutes of the last meeting as an accurate summary of the discussion.

6 Library Support Activity

Ian Leete, Senior Adviser, introduced the item, advising members that the final version of Libraries Deliver: Ambition for Public Libraries had been published on 1 December. Work was now underway to deliver the Action Plan supporting the document.

Decision:

1. Members **agreed** the suggested approach.

Action:

1. Cllr Bettison to speak to the Leader of Swindon for an update on the situation.

7 Communications Plan

Ian Leete, Senior Adviser, introduced the item.

Decision:

1. The board **noted** the report.

Actions:

1. Officers to take members' comments back to press officers.
2. Officers to circulate examples of press coverage to members.

Appendix A -Attendance

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr Ian Stephens	Isle of Wight Council
Vice-Chairman	Cllr Simon Henig CBE	Durham County Council
Deputy-chairman		
Members	Cllr Paul Bettison OBE	Bracknell Forest Borough Council
	Cllr Geraldine Carter	Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
	Cllr Tom Fitzpatrick	North Norfolk District Council
	Cllr Barry Lewis	Derbyshire County Council
	Cllr Colin Organ	Gloucester City Council
	Cllr Richard Henry	Stevenage Borough Council
	Cllr Stewart Golton	Leeds City Council
Apologies	Cllr Peter Golds	Tower Hamlets Council
	Cllr Greg Smith	Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council
	Cllr Terry O'Neill	Warrington Council
	Cllr Sonja Crisp	City of York Council
	Cllr Faye Abbott	Coventry City Council
	Cllr Muhammed Butt	Brent Council
	Cllr Alice Perry	Islington Council
	Cllr Geoff Knight	Lancaster City Council
	Cllr Mike Bell	North Somerset Council
	Mark Allman	