

Outside Bodies Report

Purpose of report

For information.

Summary

This report is composed of updates from meetings the Board's appointees to outside bodies have attended and work the LGA has done with outside organisations

Recommendations

That the Board note the updates from the outside bodies and work taken part by fellow members.

Action

Officers to act upon any requests from the Board.

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Updates

Theatres

1. Theatre Champion Cllr Faye Abbott is scheduled to meet Renu Mheto from UK Theatres ahead of this board meeting.

Libraries Taskforce

2. The draft action plan and report of the Taskforce's activities over the last 6 months have been circulated to the Taskforce for review which Cllr Matthew Lee has commented on. The updated action plan and 6 monthly report are due to be presented to the next meeting of the Taskforce
3. The LGA have approved the appointments of two new local authority Chief Executives to sit alongside Cllr Matthew Lee as local government representatives to the Taskforce. These appointments are the Chief Executives of Cumbria, Katherine Fairclough, and of Richmond and Wandsworth, Paul Martin.

Tourism Society Event

4. Cllr Peter Golds represented the board, speaking at the Tourism Society's event hosted at the LGA on the 28th February, 'The Changing Shape of the UK Visitor Economy, New Challenges and Opportunities for Tourism Professionals'.

Peak District National Park Authority

5. Cllr Barry Lewis attended a board meeting on the 1 February at which the group's 2019/2020 budget and the issue of working together with other national parks across the UK was discussed.

Coastal SIG

6. Cllr David Jeffels was appointed the Culture, Tourism and Sport Board's representative to the LGA's Coast Special Interest Group (SIG) at the last Board meeting on the 17 January. Cllr Jeffels then attended the SIG's next meeting on the 1 March.

British Destinations and British Board of Film Classification

7. Following member feedback, Cllr Mike Bell and Cllr Tom Hollis respectively, that they had received no contact from the organisations they were appointed to, officers are currently investigating.

LGA Annual Cultural and Tourism Conference

8. On the 5-6 March, Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson chaired the LGA's Annual Cultural and Tourism Conference, hosted by the City of London in the Guildhall. The event

saw the launch of our culture-led regeneration research, as well as a key note speech from Sir Nick Serota about Arts Council England's new 10 year strategy. Cllr Brigid Jones updated delegates on Birmingham's ambitions for the Commonwealth Games. The conference once again hosted the presentation of the Hearts for the Arts Awards to the 2019 winners, alongside a range of cultural walking tours and workshops.

Jordanian Roundtable

9. Following the Conference, Cllr's Lewis, Jeffels, Butt, Henry and Vernon-Jackson, attended a roundtable discussion Jordanian local and regional government representatives as part of a project to support democratic decentralisation in Jordan, funded by the UK Foreign Office and organised by Global Partners Governance. The meeting was valued by both sides and provided an insight into how to apply and promote the aspects of your local areas which attract tourism.

Leadership Essentials Courses

10. Since the last board meeting, we have held several of our Sports and Physical Activity Leadership Essentials (LE) courses, delivered in partnership with SE and one of our Culture LE courses, delivered with ACE. Cllr Peter Golds, Cllr Brigid Jones, Cllr Richard Henry and Cllr Faye Abbott have all contributed sessions to make these events a success. These courses continue to be well received and command positive feedback from attendees

Grid of future meetings

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Organisation	Date/s	Attendees
Libraries Taskforce	20th March 2019	Cllr Matthew Lee
Peak District National Park Authority	15th March 2019	Cllr Barry Lewis
LGA Coastal Special Interest Group	26th June 2019	Cllr David Jeffels
LGA Skills Taskforce	28th March 2019	Cllr Muhammed Butt