

Note of last Culture, Tourism & Sport Board meeting

Title: Culture, Tourism & Sport Board
Date: Monday 22 June 2015
Venue: Westminster Suite, 8th Floor, Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

Attendance

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

Item	Decisions and actions	Action
1	<p>Welcome and minutes from the last Board meeting</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Members to the Board meeting.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Terry O'Neill, Alyson Barnes, David Phillips and Greg Smith. Cllr Colin Organ substituted for Cllr Smith and Cllr Jane Edbrooke substituted for the Labour Group.</p> <p>The Chair accorded thanks to Doreen Stephenson who stood down at the local elections and was very involved in the Board's work, in particular speaking at the Culture Leadership Essentials Programme. He also accorded thanks to Apu Bagchi who was an Independent substitute Member.</p> <p>The Chair congratulated Cllr Peter Golds who was awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. He also thanked Iain Varah whose tenure as Chair of CLOA ends this week and the Chair looked forward to welcoming and working with Mark Allman, the new Chair. Mark is the Head of Sports and Active Lifestyle at Leeds City Council.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2015 were <u>agreed</u> as an accurate record.</p>	
2	<p>The Policy and Funding Landscape for the Arts- report attached</p> <p>The Board welcomed Laura Dyer (Executive Director, Arts Council England) and Paul Bristow (Director Strategic Partnerships, Arts Council England) to the meeting.</p> <p>Laura Dyer gave an overview of ACE funding streams and current programmes. Post-general election and ahead of the Spending Review, Members agreed it was a good opportunity to take stock of where we are on arts funding, the challenges and opportunities for further collaboration.</p> <p>The Board were keen to explore the opportunities for the arts that might arise from devolution and consider what this might mean for how ACE</p>	

works with councils. Members also highlighted how we can support the arts to be bigger players in commissioning conversations and strengthen our narrative on how the arts can help to tackle costly health and social pressures. Members expressed their strong support for the joint Cultural Leadership Essentials Programme, which is funded by ACE.

Decision

The Board **noted** the report and welcomed the presentation.

Actions

Officers to reflect Members' key points in Spending Review activity.

3 The new Government and Culture, Tourism and Sport- confidential report attached

The Chair noted that the new Government set out its legislative programme for the next five years in the Queens Speech on 27 May 2015 and published major Bills including the Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill. There would be an Emergency Budget on 8 July 2015 with an expected Spending Review in the autumn 2015. The report to the Board summarised the wider political and financial context for culture, tourism and sport and suggested areas of focus for the coming weeks and 2015/16.

The Chair advised the Board that he had written to Ed Vaizey MP, re-appointed as Culture Minister, and Tracey Crouch MP, new Sport and Tourism Minister, and would be meeting Tracey Crouch on 7 July. Cross-cutting work with other LGA boards was important, particularly in relation to the LGA's DevoNext campaign.

Board members felt that the tourism should be at the forefront of the Government's agenda. Devolution deals would develop quickly in the next few weeks and months and there were potential opportunities for culture and tourism.

The Chair requested that Board members should be able to put forward comments between Board meetings to Laura Caton and the Member Services Officer.

Decision

The Board **agreed** the priority areas for 2015/16 as contained in the report.

4 Evaluation of the 2015 Culture, Tourism and Sport Annual Conference and Looking Ahead to 2016/17- report attached

Over 150 delegates attended the LGA's annual Culture, Tourism and Sport Conference in Durham on 3 and 4 March 2015, organised in partnership with the Chief Cultural and Leisure Officers' Association. The report to the Board summarised the delegate feedback and updated

Members on plans for the 2016 Conference. Thanks were again accorded to Cllr Henig and Durham County Council for their excellent support. It was **noted** that evaluation had shown a very high level of delegate satisfaction with the conference in all respects.

Leicester as a venue for the 2016 Conference was welcomed and it was hoped that there would be an opportunity for delegates to visit areas of interest in the locality, including the Richard III visitor centre and the Curve theatre. In addition, Leicester would be the Rugby World Cup host city. It was **noted** that Leicester and Leicestershire had a rich heritage. Cllr Pain offered to work with officers in his capacity as Leader of Harborough District Council and as a member of Leicestershire County Council to reflect the partnerships between the city, county and district councils.

Decision

Members **noted** the Conference evaluation;

Members **noted** that the 2016 Conference will be in Leicester on 24-25 February; and

Noted that officers were exploring Hull as a venue for 2017.

Action

Cllr Blake Pain would discuss with officers about the 2016 Conference and how to reflect partnership working between Leicester City, Leicester County and the district councils.

5 Culture, Tourism and Sport Board Annual Review 2014/15- report attached

Members **noted** the Annual Review of activities during 2014/15, which would be submitted to the LGA Executive. This included an overview of headline achievements and various initiatives from the Board in a number of areas.

Decision

The Board **noted** the annual review of activities.

6 Libraries for Leadership Task Force- oral update

The Board received an oral update on the work of the Libraries Task Force. This was making good progress against the four priorities agreed with the Minister, namely digital, best practice, workforce and links to wider agendas such as growth and health. Joint LGA/Government accountability is ensuring that the Taskforce is firmly sector led.

The Board's Lead Members had a very useful update meeting with the Chair of the Task Force, Paul Blantern and Chief Executive, Kathy Settle on 19 May ahead of this Board meeting.

It was anticipated that the Minister Ed Vaizey MP and the Chair would be soon formally review the Task Force's early progress and a further update would be circulated to the Board ahead of the next meeting in September 2015.

Decision

The Board **noted** the oral update.

Action

The Board would receive updates on the progress of the Task Force which would include an update prior to the next Board meeting in September 2015.

The Board would receive a timeframe and work programme for the Libraries Task Force.

7 Investment in grassroots football by Premier League Clubs- report attached

Members highlighted the case for greater Premier League investment in grassroots football to help improve wellbeing and engage young people. Members also highlighted that there were good examples of football clubs working in partnership with councils and partners that could be shared and developed in other places. Other key issues included how to encourage more volunteers.

Decision

The Board **noted** the report.

Action

Officers to collect and share examples of successful partnerships between football clubs, councils and partners.

8 Update on current issues- report attached

The report updated Members on current issues of interest to the Board not covered elsewhere on the agenda. Updates were included in relation to:

- CTS Improvement Programme
- Physical activity and health
- Tourism and the visitor economy (including Magna Carta)
- Archives and heritage
- Culture and the arts
- Digital inclusion

Members requested that the "Active People Survey" be emailed to Board members. In addition, the Sports Minister Tracey Crouch MP announced that she will be working with the sports sector to develop a new strategy

as a matter of urgency with the intention of a more joined up approach to sport across Whitehall. The Chair would be meeting the Minister on 7 July and this would be an area for discussion.

Board Members were keen to promote cycling to a greater degree than at the present time.

Decision

Members **noted** the report.

Actions

A copy of the “Active People Survey” to be e-mailed to Board members.

The Chair would be discussing the new sports sector strategy with the Sports Minister, Tracey Crouch MP on 7 July.

9 Outside Bodies- feedback from Members- report attached

The Chair introduced the report, which updated Members on meetings of the CTS Outside Bodies and other Member meetings since the last Board meeting in March 2015 and looked ahead to future member meetings.

Decision

Members **noted** the report.

10 CLOA Case Studies paper- Role of culture and arts in improving health and wellbeing- report attached

The report provided some case studies of activities being undertaken by Councils to highlight the role of culture and arts in improving health and wellbeing. This referred to case studies from Derbyshire, Blackpool and Worcestershire. Councils were able to access these case studies on the LGA website.

Decision

Members **noted** the report.

11 Any other business

The Board requested that consideration should be given for future meetings of the Board taking place at venues outside the LGA where possible.

Action

Officers to investigate the possibility of future Board meetings taking place at venues outside of the LGA and across the country.

Appendix A -Attendance

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr Ian Stephens	Isle of Wight Council
Vice-Chairman	Cllr Simon Henig	Durham County Council
Deputy-chairman	Cllr David Burbage MBE	Windsor & Maidenhead Royal Borough
	Cllr Flick Rea MBE	London Borough of Camden
Members	Cllr Caitlin Bisknell	High Peak Borough Council
	Cllr Muhammed Butt	Brent Council
	Cllr Barrie Grunewald	St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council
	Cllr Tom Fitzpatrick	North Norfolk District Council
	Cllr Peter Golds CBE	London Borough of Tower Hamlets
	Cllr Blake Pain	Harborough District Council
	Cllr Mike Bell	North Somerset Council
	Cllr Amanda Martin	Council of the Isles of Scilly
	Mr Iain Varah	CLOA
Apologies	Cllr Alyson Barnes	Rossendale Borough Council
	Cllr Terry O'Neill	Warrington Council
	Cllr David Phillips	Swansea City and County Council
	Cllr Greg Smith	London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham