

Local Government Association

culture, tourism and sport board

agenda

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To: Members of LGA culture, tourism and sport board

cc: Named officers for briefing purposes

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Culture, Tourism and Sport Board

Tuesday 19 May 2009

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Culture, Tourism and Sport Board

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For Discussion

1. The future of local and regional news media
2. Libraries service and reviews
3. 'Tourism: Visit England'

The Board will hear a presentation from Jenny McGee, Head of Strategy, Visit England and Lyndsey Swift, Partners for England Manager, Visit England

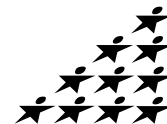
4. Member feedback from outside bodies

For information

5. Board Update on current issues
6. Update on gambling issues
7. "Tired of Hanging Around" – report by the Audit Commission

For Noting

8. Notes of Previous Meeting



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The future of local and regional news media

Summary

This paper updates members on recent activity aimed at exploring the problems currently faced by the local and regional news media.

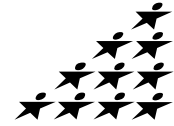
Recommendations

That members note the evidence submitted to the CMS committee and the DCMS media summit, and feed in local experience of the role of council magazines.

Action

Subject to members' comments, officers to take forward suggested actions.

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Local newspapers

Background

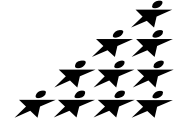
1. The local and regional newspaper industry is suffering from falling advertising revenues caused by the current recession. This has stimulated a series of efforts to better understand the problems faced by the industry, and what actions might be taken to support it.
2. The LGA has represented its members in these discussions. Councils have a close relationship with their local press through running local campaigns, buying regular advertising space or using their distribution networks for council magazines. Councillors are also keen to see a strong local press undertaking more proactive scrutiny of local democracy.

DCMS Media Summit

3. The Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Andy Burnham, held a “media summit” on 27 April. Councils have recently come under fire for competing with the local press by producing magazines to inform residents about council services. The LGA strongly opposed this view, and defended councils’ right to communicate with their residents in a direct and value for money way.
4. In advance of the summit Local Government Analysis and Research undertook a survey of local authorities to gather the most up to date and informed picture of how, why and when councils produce magazines. The survey clearly showed that:
 - council magazines do not pose a competitive threat to local newspapers; with 79% of authorities producing up to only six editions a year;
 - the local newspaper industry is suffering primarily because of its exposure to falls in the market for advertising; and that 60% of council magazines consist of 10% or less advertising space; and,
 - that councils work closely with their local paper and want more scrutiny of the democratic process.

OFT exploratory review of on local and regional media mergers

5. The Office of Fair Trading, in March, launched a “discussion paper” on local and regional media mergers, as part of its exploratory review into the issue. This discussion paper can be accessed at http://www.offt.gov.uk/shared_offt/business_leaflets/general/oft1069.pdf.



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6. The LGA submitted evidence to the OFT outlining that Council magazines have an important but different role to play to local press. The LGA has encouraged councils to set up their own publications as part of its Reputation campaign, launched in 2005 after independent research found that two thirds of residents know almost nothing about local government. LGA evidence to the OFT set out that local authorities' own publications have an important function that newspapers do not have – telling residents about the 800 services councils offer. A copy of the LGA evidence can be accessed at <http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pagelid=1770660>.

Culture, Media and Sport (CMS) Committee inquiry into the future for local and regional media

7. The House of Commons CMS Committee launched its inquiry into the future of local and regional media on 25 March. The Committee is seeking views on a variety of issues pertinent to the industry, a full list of which can be accessed at http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/culture_media_and_sport/cms090325a.cfm. Key issues for local government include:
 - The impact on local media of recent and future developments in digital convergence, media technology and changing consumer behaviour;
 - The impact of newspaper closures on independent local journalism and access to local information;
 - The appropriateness and effectiveness of print and electronic publishing initiatives undertaken directly by public sector bodies at the local level;
8. The LGA will submit evidence to the CMS Committee inquiry, closely following the work outlined above. A copy of this evidence will be tabled at the Board meeting, once it has been cleared by lead members.

Recommendations

9. Members are invited to discuss these updates and to feed in their experience of the local and regional press in their area.

Financial Implications

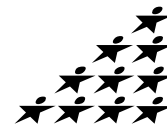
10. This work is not expected to have financial implications.

Implications for Wales

11. Media policy is a non-devolved issue. The LGA will liaise with Welsh authorities to explore issues of particular interest to Wales.

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Libraries service and reviews

Summary

This paper updates members on the DCMS modernisation review of libraries and related policy developments.

Recommendations

That members note the implications of the Wirral inquiry.

Action

Subject to members' comments, officers to take forward appropriate actions.

Libraries service and reviews

Background

1. At its 16 March meeting, the Board met with the DCMS Libraries Modernisation review team to offer a local government steer to the development of the review. This paper updates members on the progress of the review of libraries and also on related policy developments.

DCMS Libraries modernisation review

2. The LGA continues to be involved in the DCMS **Libraries Modernisation Review**. Following members' input at March Board the LGA have also facilitated a focus group of local authority Chief Executives to feed into the review.
3. We are expecting the DCMS to publish its findings before the Board next meets and are exploring opportunities for this to be launched at a joint event with LGA. Further details of this event will be circulated when available, and officers will provide a summary of the reviews findings at the July CTS board.

DCMS inquiry into Wirral libraries service

4. Wirral Metropolitan District council, on 15 January 2009, agreed recommendations in its Strategic Asset Review (SAR), including that the council should close either 11 or 12 of its current 23 Libraries.
5. On 3 April, Andy Burnham announced an inquiry into the library service provided by Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council, to gather further information to help the Secretary of State decide whether the Council's plans are consistent with their statutory duty to provide a 'comprehensive and efficient' library service.
6. The Inquiry will take place at the Floral Pavilion, New Brighton, on 9 June 2009 at 9:30am. All correspondence on the library services in the Wirral sent to DCMS and received prior to the Inquiry being announced will be taken into account as part of the Inquiry. Wirral MBC will also be asked to disclose such correspondence received by them for consideration as part of the Inquiry. Individuals who have not already commented through such correspondence, or who would like to make additional points to be taken into account are encouraged to do so through representative groups such as residents associations, library user groups or national interest groups.
7. The terms of reference of the inquiry are as follows:
“Gather information and provide advice in order for the Secretary of State to assess whether, in taking the decision to implement the proposed changes to their library service, The Wirral is in default of their statutory duties under the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964, including the provision of a comprehensive and efficient library service.”

All Party Parliamentary Group on Libraries

8. The **All Party Parliamentary Group on Libraries**, chaired by Lyn Brown MP, is also conducting its own inquiry into public libraries, supported by the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP). The LGA has submitted written evidence to the inquiry (attached as **Annex A**), and on 19 May Cllr Chris White will give evidence in person.

Definition of “comprehensive and efficient” library service

9. In the context of the Wirral review and the APG Inquiry the LGA have written to Andy Burnham to set out that we do not believe there is a need for further definition of what constitutes a "comprehensive and efficient" library service under the 1964 Act. The LGA believes that such a definition, if pitched too high, would trigger the New Burdens doctrine, and if pitched too low would make it harder for excellent local services to justify their high standards of provision. A copy of this letter is enclosed at **Annex B**.

Implications of the Wirral inquiry for the libraries modernisation review

10. We have, so far, been working with the Libraries Modernisation Review on the basis that it is likely to emphasise the local democratic accountability of the library service and encourage service transformation and modernisation. The Wirral inquiry raises a number of questions about how any further definition of “comprehensive and efficient” could mesh with the Review’s findings. Members will wish to discuss what, if any, implications this might have for our engagement with the Review and eventual response to it.

Financial Implications

11. The financial implications of this work can be managed from existing resources.

Implications for Wales

12. Libraries are a devolved service, and the Libraries Modernisation Review applies only to England.

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LGA Group Submission to the APPG Libraries, Literacy and Information Management Inquiry into the Governance and Leadership of the Public Library Service in England

21 April 2009

The LGA Group works with an on behalf of the local government sector. The Local Government Association (LGA) represents over 400 local authorities in England and Wales; together these councils speak for over 50 million people and spend £113bn a year delivering services on their behalf.

Lines of Inquiry:

What are the strengths and weaknesses of the present system for the governance and leadership of the public library service in England?

1. The public library service in England is a local service. It is owned, delivered, resourced, and governed by local councils. This puts libraries, and the benefits they offer to people, right at the heart of a local area. Local elected politicians provide legitimate leadership to the library service, and are democratically accountable to local residents for their actions.
2. National agencies can best use their position to offer advice and guidance to councils that adds value to local leadership and delivery experience. They can benefit from a strategic view across the library sector and economies of scale in aggregating and disseminating information and best practice.
3. Within this framework, at both the local and national levels, the governance and leadership of the library service has found itself stuck between wanting to hold on to a regulated national service based on statute and minimum standards – for fear of further marginalisation – and looking forward to promoting a local service driven by innovation and creativity to respond to local needs, community aspiration and supporting the delivery of strategic outcomes for people and communities.
4. Under the previous Comprehensive Performance Assessment libraries accounted for the majority of the “culture” block due to the existence of public library standards. This system of performance management via minimum standards served to retain the libraries sector within its own silo, and did not position it to become a major contributor to meeting local community needs and priorities, and promoting innovation and creativity. This is particularly obvious when libraries are compared to services such as sport and physical activity and even the arts.
5. The DCMS’ role under the 1964 Act is clearly understood within the sector, as is their position as the champion of the library service within government. We do not believe there is a need for further definition or exploration of the statutory basis of the library service in England.

Should local communities have a greater say in decisions about the public library service?

6. Securing the input of residents and communities is key to delivering a locally responsive library service, and to improving that service over time. The more difficult question though is who should the library service be listening to and how can service managers be more responsive to changing and different community aspirations and needs.
7. There is often a traditional library audience who are generally content with the existing service on offer and do not want it to see it change. This audience is often a minority within the wider community, and can inhibit service rationalisation and redesign aimed at reaching out to new audiences and increasing use of the libraries. The result can be that many sections of the community – in particular children and young people who are not users of the service – are dissatisfied with what it offers and yet are not necessarily heard.

Should central government do more to superintend the public library service?

8. The library service is fundamentally a local service. Putting central government in a position to “superintend” or regulate the service can only confuse accountability for outcomes and lead to increased bureaucracy. An innovative and creative library service that appeals to all is more likely to emerge where local determination allows freedom to respond to community needs and local opportunity.
9. We are aware of strong views in certain quarters of the culture and sports sector generally that services will remain under valued and marginalised unless they are made statutory. The LGA does not support this view, as statutory minimum standards can lead to a levelling down of existing excellent provision, and “prop up” certain service requirements which may not be to the benefit of a local population. The outcomes focus of the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) further mitigates against any drive to “superintend” the service against a set of standards.
10. Libraries in particular have a strong and vocal constituency that supports central regulation as a bulwark to protect traditional delivery models from those changes that are necessary to modernise and improve the library service as a whole.

Are local authorities the best agency to provide public library services?

11. Local authorities are the only organisation with the legitimacy to identify and establish local need and aspirations for communities, and thereby to define the needs which can be met by a local library service. They are also best placed to provide or commission the desired type and level of service required to meet these needs. There are a range of delivery options that councils will consider including direct provision, trust and third sector and even private sector provision if these offer the best way of meeting the defined needs and providing value for money.

What are the governance and leadership roles of the Advisory Council on Libraries (ACL), the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA) and the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)?

12. The DCMS is responsible for national policy relating to Libraries. They are advised in this role by the ACL. The MLA is the relevant NDPB responsible

for supporting the delivery of that policy in partnership with all the stakeholders; most significantly local government.

13. The key to getting the best from this arrangement is to develop a shared vision and strategy for the service between both local and national leaders. This goal is made more difficult because the LGA – representing local government as a whole, rather than librarians working in local government – is not fully represented on either the ACL or the MLA. Such representation would help bring together national library policy and local library policy and delivery.

What changes (if any) are required to improve and strengthen governance and leadership?

14. There are many examples of excellent local library services innovating and making significant contributions to local communities where local leadership has been strong politically and managerially. Unfortunately this is not the case everywhere, in particular in those service areas that wish to retain a top down governance model defined by national standards and regulation to prevent further marginalisation of the service.
15. This mixture of strategic approaches has resulted in a certain loss of unified direction and focus, which is hampering attempts to modernise and develop the service. Via the current DCMS modernisation review the Secretary of State should explicitly support visionary local leadership as the motor for transformation of the library service. The review should support a local needs and opportunity led model of service reform and modernisation. This would go a long way to removing the last vestiges of a minimalist, standards driven library service and to maximising the sector's potential.
16. Investment in a thorough and comprehensive evidence base would also go a long way to supporting attempts to modernise the service, by demonstrating the value and contribution made by libraries to key local priorities.

Annex B

Rt. Hon. Andy Burnham MP
Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport
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31 March 2009

Dear Andy,

I want to thank you for addressing the LGA's Culture, Tourism and Sport conference again this year. The event is growing in both size and reputation, and a chance to hear from the Secretary of State remains key to attracting delegates.

I also want to welcome the desire, outlined in your speech to the conference, to include local government more in policy development, and at earlier stage. I think you rightly cite the current Libraries Modernisation Review of an example of where this has happened, and I too hope this is a model we can build on.

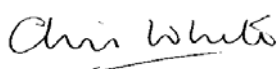
In your speech you spoke about the possibility, via the review, of further defining a "comprehensive and efficient" library service. When we spoke on Monday you clarified that you were keen not to return to the days of Public Library Standards, and I very much welcome this. Pitching such standards too high would of course trigger the New Burdens doctrine, whilst levelling down could make it harder for excellent local services to justify their ongoing high standard of provision.

You are right to refer to libraries as fundamentally local. We must avoid attempts to turn the service into a national political football. I hope you agree that is in both our interests to avoid a situation where your office is forced to engage with every difficult but necessary decision about a library closure or service restructure.

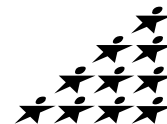
I want to retain the positive steps taken by the libraries review so far. The LGA's Culture, Tourism and Sport Board gave the review's present direction of travel a positive reception at its meeting on 16 March. We were particularly pleased that the work had grasped the central role that libraries play in engaging local communities and delivering services across the whole council.

I would welcome your thoughts on these issues; and I look forward to closer links on policy issues across the full range of DCMS and council services.

Your sincerely,



Cllr Chris White
Chair, Culture, Tourism and Sport board
Local Government Association



19 May 2009

Tourism: Visit England

Summary

This paper provides background information to support presentations by Jenny McGee (Head of Strategy, Visit England) and Lyndsey Swift (Partners for England Manager) focusing on the development of Visit England and its future work with local authorities.

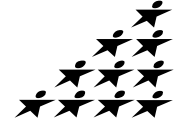
The paper also contains information about the creation of the DCMS Tourism Advisory Council, and the role of local government in it.

Recommendations

That members note the background information and presentations, and give a steer to Visit England regarding future joint working with local government.

Action

Subject to members' comments, officers to take agreed actions.



Tourism: Visit England

Background

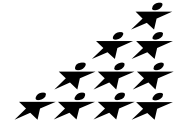
1. The British Tourism Framework Review was published in February 2009. In its response the DCMS accepted the recommendation that it should, “Create a new English tourism lead body, create an English tourism strategy and agree processes for partnership with, and accountability to, stakeholders and appropriate performance metrics”.

Visit England and the LGA

2. Visit England was officially launched on April 1 2009. The Chair of VE, Lady Penelope Cobham addressed the LGA Culture, Tourism and Sport conference in March and has met the Board Chair. She also met Cllr Margaret Eaton, Chair of the LGA, on 21 April. James Berresford (previously Director of Tourism at the North West Development Agency) was appointed Chief Executive of VE on 2 April. The Board have previously expressed their wish to meet either the new Chair or Chief Executive of Visit England, and officer hope to be able to action this request at a forthcoming Board meeting.
3. The Board have also been clear about the need to continue to promote the role of councils as key players in the visitor economy. **The LGA Group is working with Visit England on the following projects:**
 - A joint publication of case studies showing how councils can best promote the visitor economy locally, to be launched at the LGA conference; and
 - A workshop at the LGA annual conference to spread the message of Visit England’s role, and to promote the above publication and its messages.
 - The IDeA is also shortly to embark on work to bring Visit England and the tourism agenda closer in line with the delivery and principles of “A Passion for Excellence” – the culture, tourism and sport sectors national improvement strategy for councils.

Tourism Advisory Council

4. Another recommendation of the British Tourism Framework Review was for the creation of a Tourism Advisory Council to advise ministers and promote cross-government understanding of the needs of the tourism industry. At present, local government has not been invited to attend the council, a full list of the members of which can be found at http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/media_releases/6126.aspx.



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5. The LGA is lobbying government to give councils access to key business partners represented on the new DCMS Tourism Advisory Council. The Chair recently wrote to Tourism minister Barbara Follett to make clear that councils see tourism, which is the fifth largest industry in the UK, as central to supporting employment, investment and skills development in the present economic downturn. A copy of this letter is enclosed at **Annex A**.
6. Local authorities also invest £120m per year in tourism infrastructure and support, and are therefore the largest public funder of the tourism in England. Councils also spend a significant amount on culture and heritage - £1.8bn in 2005-2006 - and support major cultural, business and sporting events, all of which are important attractions for tourists. This makes councils central to any joined-up conversation with industry.

Recommendations

7. In responding to the presentation from Visit England members may wish to develop the following themes:
 - How can the development of a tourism strategy for England best reflect the role of local authorities, and differences between local tourist destinations?
 - In a recent survey 84% of councils told the LGA that improving the quality and flow of information from RDAs about funding opportunities for tourism was the key to success. How can Visit England help RDAs and councils improve their working relationship on tourism?
 - The 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games are a once in a generation chance to unite the tourism sectors around a clear goal. It is estimated that 50 – 75% of the economic benefits of the games will accrue to tourism. How can the LGA and Visit England work together to ensure the approach to Tourism 2012 is joined up and responsive to existing work on tourism at all levels?

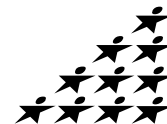
Financial Implications

8. Development of this work can be met from existing resources.

Implications for Wales

9. The WLGA will be engaged as appropriate in the Board's work on the tourism sector.

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Annex A

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06 May 2009

Dear Barbara,

I welcome the recent launch of the Tourism Advisory Council, to provide regular contact between Government and the tourism industry. I am disappointed though that this regular and valuable contact has not been extended to local government, and that the LGA is not represented on the council.

As the fifth largest industry in the UK, tourism is central to supporting employment, investment and skills development in the present economic downturn. The tourism sector is characterised by flexible employment patterns, and is likely to be one of the main beneficiaries of the £1bn local job creation fund announced in the budget; so councils would greatly value the access to the tourism industry that this group offers.

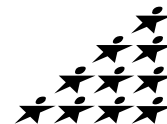
Six of the Advisory Council's members are public bodies, and it is right to avoid a false split between public and private sectors of the visitor economy. But without representation of local authorities, who invest £120m per year and are therefore the largest public funder of the tourism in England, a sizeable piece of the conversation will be missing.

Councils also spend a significant amount on culture and heritage - £1.8bn in 2005-2006 - and support major cultural, business and sporting events, all of which are important attractions for tourists; so they are key to having a fully joined up conversation.

The British Tourism Framework Review described local authorities as "the unsung heroes of British tourism". This view is echoed by my fellow elected members in councils that are trying to improve their tourism offer. I hope that, on consideration of these points, you will be able to invite a local government representative onto the new Tourism Advisory Council.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Chris White
Chair, Culture, Tourism and Sport board
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Member feedback from outside bodies

Summary

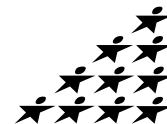
1. This paper sets out recent external meetings that members have attended for the board.

Recommendations

2. Members on outside bodies are invited to feedback the outcomes of recent meetings, and the Board is asked to provide any steer for future meetings that may be required.
3. That Members on outside bodies agree to keep officers updated on the timing of future meetings.

Action

4. Subject to comments from the board, officers to take forward any suggested actions.



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Recent and future meetings of outside bodies

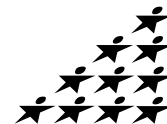
Recent

Title	Date	Attendees
Youth Libraries Board	12 March	Cllr Paul Crossley
Everyone's Games: LGA/DCSF joint conference	23 March	Cllr Chris White
Partners for England	25 March	Cllr Chris White
DCMS Sports Legacy Board	31 March	Cllr Stephen Castle
Joint Culture, Tourism & Sport Board and Regeneration & Transport Board Office Holders meeting	23 April	Cllr Stephen Castle
DCMS accessibility forum	7 May	Cllr William Lawrence

Forthcoming

Title	Date	Attendees
Catch-up with LOCOG and NRG	22 June	Cllr Chris White, Cllr Stephen Castle, Sir Robin Wales
2012 Games workshop at LGA Annual Conference	30 June	Cllr Chris White, Cllr Stephen Castle
Beacon Councils 2012 fringe event at LGA Annual Conference	1 July	Open invite
ISAPL Conference	2 July	Cllr Stephen Castle
Beacon Council learning event in conjunction with LGA 2012 Games network	15 July	CTS Board members will shortly be invited
Please notify Steve Skelton (steven.skelton@lga.gov.uk) of any events/meetings that have not been included		

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Culture, Tourism and Sport Board - Update on Current Issues

Summary

This report updates Members on current issues of interest to the Board which are not covered elsewhere on this agenda. Updates are included on:

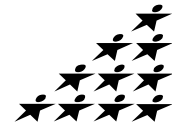
- 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games
- Libraries
- Creative Investment Guide
- Children and Young people
- The Arts
- LGA Culture Tourism and Sport conference

Recommendations

Members are asked to note policy developments.

Action

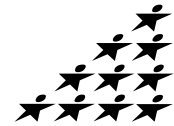
Secretariat / CLOA Advisory Panel as appropriate.



Update on Current Issues

2012 Games

1. On 2 April Cllr Stephen Castle (Chair of Nations and Regions East) presented to the Nations and Regions Group (NRG) about local authority engagement. NRG brings together the chairs of regional partners responsible for ensuring the 2012 Games leaves a lasting legacy for the whole of the UK. The extent and effectiveness of councils' engagement with NRG varies between regions. Given that most of the lasting legacy will be delivered locally by councils, it is vital that local authorities, especially councillors, are fully involved. The presentation was an opportunity to emphasise the importance of strengthening the involvement of councils. LGA will continue to raise awareness about NRG amongst councils and work with NRG to ensure that local government is fully embedded in the NRG structure.
2. 90 councillors and officers attended a joint conference with DCSF on 23 March about the London 2012 Get Set Education Programme. The free web-based programme offers schools, colleges and other learning providers a variety of tools to use the 2012 Games to inspire and enthuse children and young people to learn and get more involved with their community. Over 5,000 learning providers have already registered to join Get Set. The event helped to identify what more we can do to achieve a shared ambition for every learning provider to sign-up to the scheme and in particular to ensure that children and young people outside mainstream education have an equal chance to benefit from the opportunities presented by the Games.
3. Registration for London 2012 Open Weekend has recently gone live. Open Weekend is taking place on 24–26 July 2009, building up to the '3 years to go' milestone on 27 July. LOCOG is broadening the scope of this year's event beyond culture so that sport, education or sustainability events linked to 2012 and about widening participation can also be included. Councils who register their event with LOCOG by 29 June will receive London 2012 posters, postcards, external banners and digital media to promote local events. Already planned events with objectives that fit with the aim of Open Weekend can be registered. Events will form an important part of local legacy plans to use Games to deliver wider social objectives. To date 13 local authorities have registered events and the LGA will continue to work with Nations and Regions Coordinators to encourage as many councils as possible to participate.
4. On 23 April lead members of the Culture Tourism and Sport Board and Regeneration and Transport Board met to discuss issues of common interest, including transport and the 2012 Games. It was agreed that the Regeneration and Transport Board had an important contribution to make in terms of testing



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assumptions underpinning 2012 transport plans in areas facing the most challenges, particularly Weymouth where the sailing will be held. Members also agreed the importance of the Culture Tourism and Sport Board's continued lobbying of government for a broader corps of 'city volunteers' who will be stationed at transport interchanges and will be integral to providing a world class welcome to visitors during Games time.

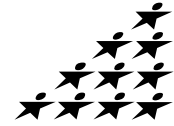
5. The LGA is hosting a joint event with the councils awarded beacon status (Dorset, Essex, Greenwich, Hackney and Kent) in the Olympic and Paralympic legacy theme. The event will be on 15 July and will launch the beacon councils' year long programme of activity to share their expertise with as many councils as possible across the whole of the UK.

Libraries

6. The LGA continues to be involved in the DCMS **Libraries Modernisation Review**. Following members' input at March Board the LGA have also facilitated a focus group of local authority Chief Executives to feed into the review. We are expecting the DCMS to publish its findings before the Board next meets, when officers will provide an appropriate summary of findings.

Creative Investment Guide

7. On 9 July the Work Foundation, the LGA and the DCMS will formally launch the Creative Investment Guide to policymakers in central, regional and local government. This guide draws on existing analysis and advice to develop a set of resources for policymakers working in economic development and regeneration in local authorities and local and regional strategic partnerships. The aim is that the resources will support decisions about investment in creative industries, particularly in the context of a growing recession and tightening budgets.
8. The launch will begin with a networking lunch, and run from 12.00 – 14.30 in the Garnett Theatre in The Work Foundation's ground floor event space, 21 Palmer Street, SW1H 0AD. Speakers will include:
 - Andy Burnham, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport
 - Will Hutton, Executive Vice Chair of The Work Foundation
 - CTS board Lead member
 - Local authority chief executive to respond
9. Attendees will largely be senior managers from local authorities, RDAs, NDPBs and creative and cultural businesses. All members of the Culture, Tourism and Sport Board are invited to attend should they wish.



Children and Young People

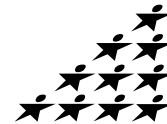
10. A recent OFSTED report had highlighted the positive impact that participation by children and young people in sport and PE has on young people's attitudes towards learning and their own personal development. It also noted that more schoolchildren were having greater access to a wider variety of sports and leadership opportunities. For more details, please view the following link:

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/News/News-Archive/2009/April/Working-towards-2012-and-beyond-boosting-pupils-achievement-in-PE>

11. The DCSF has produced a new guidance document, "Safe from Bullying in Play and Leisure Provision", which recognises that bullying can happen out of school as well as in school. The guidance is for staff and volunteers in leisure centres, play provision, the cultural and sporting workforce and the voluntary management committees and trustees for these activities. It outlines possible bullying that might occur in play and leisure and describes steps to prevent it and respond to it. Documents are available via:

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/resources-and-practice/IG00363/>

12. Young people are to get extra encouragement to unlock their talents as part of a £10m Inspiring Communities Initiative launched in April. The scheme is about investing in locally conceived, locally delivered projects that will get whole communities standing behind the talented young people in their neighbourhoods, and make sure that communities play a bigger part in fostering and investing in that talent. The application deadline is 3 June 2009.
13. The DCMS and the DCSF have created the Children and Young People's Culture Team to bring together for the first time a range of government funded programmes in the two departments offering cross cultural experiences for children and young people. The programmes, ranging from Find Your Talent Creative Partnerships to Sing Up to Engaging Places are designed to enrich children's experiences and learning and offer possibilities for raising aspirations and developing talent across the creative sectors. These programmes have already seen more schools now providing dance activities, and the number of children learning a musical instrument has doubled since 2005 to 50% of all Key Stage 2 pupils.
14. The DH and the DCSF have produced 'Health Lives, Brighter Futures – the strategy for children and young people's health.' It includes an expectation that public sector bodies such as local government should provide healthy environments, encourage children and young people to make healthy choices and create a world class system for PE and sport offering 5 – 16 year olds 5 hours per week of physical activity, and 3 hours for 16 – 19 year olds.



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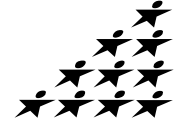
15. Play England has been contracted by DCSF to manage a funding programme for refurbishment for adventure playgrounds run by the voluntary and community sector. £1.5 million will be made available through the programme, which will run from April 2009 to March 2010, and all eligible third sector managed adventure playgrounds may apply for up to £19,000 to update and modify their play spaces.
16. Local Authorities across the country are busy completing the first round of play sites which are funded through the government's Play Strategy programme of funding, and many have been engaging with communities, children and young people to plan how to launch the sites. This programme is a major part of the national play strategy, Fair Play, launched in April 2009.
17. The Children and Young People Now show to be held between 19 and 20 May 2009 will promote and explore play and other government plans for services for children and young people. The two day show will highlight good practice and showcase key suppliers to leaders and employees of Local Authorities and their partners who are responsible for delivering the national Play Strategy.

Friday and Saturday Nights

18. The Minister of State for Children, Young People and Families, Right Hon Beverley Hughes MP, recently wrote to councils announcing the Open Weekend initiative, planned for 10 and 11 July, encouraging local authorities to plan for and involve young people in the provision of activities on Friday and Saturday nights. Open Weekend will support the overarching Open drive that the DCSF is running to stimulate an increase in weekend provision for young people. A recent survey generally supports the assertion that provision for young people is poor at the weekends, including Friday nights. Councils broadly welcomed the Aiming High for Young People Strategy that sets the tone for the debate about Friday and Saturday night activities, and are no doubt aware of the need to involve young people and communities in improving the access that young people have to things to do and places to go. However, the survey that supports the Government's case is questionable and does not stand up to scrutiny, and LGA has been keen to emphasise that such decisions are local in nature and must result from effective local commissioning.

The Arts

19. Arts Council England (ACE) has produced draft criteria for supporting Regularly Funded Organisations (RFOs) and is seeking views on these by **Friday 19th June**. The new criteria have been drawn up in the wake of The McIntosh review into the way that ACE sought to reduce the number of RFO clients it funds, and can be downloaded from http://www.nalgao.org/e107_images/custom/1acerfocriteria.pdf



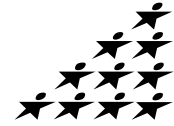
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Responses to the Draft criteria should be sent by Friday 19th June to Paul Blaker, Director of Programmes, Arts Council England, 14 Great Peter Street, SW1P 3NQ or emailed to paul.blaker@artscouncil.org.uk.

20. ACE have also announced an extra £44.5 million investment in artists and arts organisations over the next two years to help maintain artistic excellence during the economic downturn. ACE Chair Dame Liz Forgan announced the new measures in a speech at an Arts Council sponsored seminar, Maximising the importance of arts and culture through the economic downturn on 24 April. The initiatives include:
 - Sustain – a new £40 million open application fund for arts organisations suffering as a result of the recession
 - £500,000 support for the Town Centres Initiative to enable more artistic activities to take place in empty retail spaces
 - A £4 million increase in the Grants for the arts budget over the next two years
21. The LGA, in partnership with the National Operatic and Dramatic Association, is looking to convene a small seminar bringing together local theatre managers, and arts officers, with representatives of voluntary theatre groups to explore ways in which participation can be encouraged in amateur theatre more effectively, especially by young people, and how voluntary theatre can help support the delivery of local priorities.

LGA Culture, Tourism and Sport conference

22. Over 270 delegates from across local and central government and partner agencies gathered in Brighton for the 2009 annual Culture, Tourism and Sport conference. The online delegate survey has now been completed by a good cross section of attendees, and provides the following points:
 - 88% of respondents were either fairly satisfied or very satisfied with the event overall, with only 12% neither satisfied nor dissatisfied or don't know, no respondents stating that they were dissatisfied. This compares favourably with the 2008 conference where 34% of respondents were not satisfied, or totally unsatisfied overall.
 - 97% of respondents rated Brighton either fairly satisfied or very satisfied as a destination, and 88% rated the Thistle hotel very highly as a location for the conference.
 - Plenary speakers who were highly rated – by above 60% of the respondents – were Germaine Greer, Peter Barron and the Panel session with Alan Davey, Jennie Price, Roy Clare and Deborah Lamb.
 - 80% of the respondents voted the timing of the conference from 10.30am on Day 1 – 2.30pm on Day 2 as “just right” (14% said too short and only 5% said too long)



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23. Officers are exploring potential venues for next years conference, have begun initial discussions with CLOA regarding the overall theme and programme content. A draft programme will be presented for discussion and members' input at the July Board meeting.

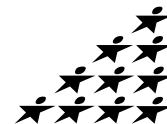
Financial Implications

24. The updates in this report have no financial implications.

Implications for Wales

25. Implications for Wales will be discussed with the WLGA as appropriate.

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Update on Gambling issues

Summary

This paper updates members on the licensing of betting shops, and provides information on the impact of problem gambling for public and third sector agencies.

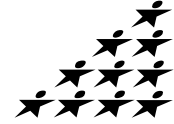
Recommendations

Members are asked to note the report, and provide a steer regarding any issues of interest.

Action

Officers to take forward any recommended actions.

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Update on gambling issues

Background

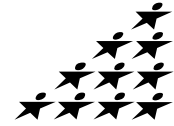
1. The Board discussed the issue of the clustering of betting shops at its meeting of November 2008, following a letter from the Chair to the Minister responsible for Licensing. This paper updates members on recent developments in this area.
2. On 3 February the Chair represented the LGA at a seminar organised by the Responsibility in Gambling Trust. This paper also summarises information presented at this seminar that members may find useful.

Licensing of betting shops

3. LGA and LACORS officers met with DCMS and CLG officials on 26 March to discuss progress in tackling the clustering of betting shops in some local authorities. It was agreed that the evidence pointed to this as a localised problem. Overall numbers of betting shops are falling and DCMS believe this will quicken as the post-Gambling Act growth in premises tails off and the market corrects its self.
4. The meeting explored relevant planning issues with CLG officials, including the possibility of designating betting shops as a single usage (sui generis) class. They are at present designated as A2 class, along with banks and other financial and professional services. In order to consider such a change, CLG would need to be able to prove:
 - That the land usage of a betting shop was substantially different from other premises in A2 class;
 - That there was a nationwide need for the change to take place
5. It was agreed that, at present, neither criteria could be met. CLG added that they regularly field requests of this nature for premises (such as strip clubs) that some people may wish to control the number of, but that this was not a criteria they were able to take into consideration. CLG felt that the correct use of planning policy statements was the appropriate means of guarding against the excessive proliferation of gambling shops in an area.
6. DCMS have undertaken to meet with local authorities to explore the nature of their local planning guidance and any other relevant policy issues. Officers will further update members when these meetings have taken place.

Gambling impacts: public and third sector agencies

7. The Responsibility in Gambling Trust and Lancaster University jointly hosted an Economic, Social and Research Council (ESRC) sponsored seminar on 3



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February 2009, for Local Authorities and other key stakeholders. As part of the seminar, Professor May-Chahal, from the Department of Applied Social Science at Lancaster University, gave a presentation entitled “Gambling impacts: public and third sector agencies”.

8. The presentation examined the impacts of gambling for Local Authorities, and considered the wide range of economic, social, crime and work related impacts that had been identified as resulting from gambling. For example, certain economic benefits from gambling included benefits to national and local government through taxation, but this is counterweighted by more negative impacts such as problem gambling and increases in criminal activity and social harm.
9. Professor May-Chahal also considered some of the reasons that problem gambling might develop. These reasons included poverty, leading individuals to pursue gambling as a means of living a more affluent lifestyle; gambling as an alternative to social care; gambling as being inclusive to the vulnerable; and debt.
10. To address these negative impacts, Professor May-Chahal emphasised the importance of a nationwide strategy to work hand-in-hand with action taken at the local level. At a national level, it was important that both the government and the gaming industry acted responsibly, as well as promoting risk awareness campaigns and ensuring that information and advice for problem gamblers was made available. At a local level, Local Authorities must raise awareness of the negative impacts of gambling in schools, primary care, social services and the voluntary / third sector. It is vital that Local Authorities work with partners in ensuring joined-up pathways for early identification, harm minimisation and response, and in enlisting local statutory and voluntary agency support.

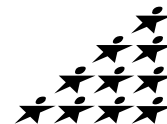
Financial Implications

11. No financial implications are specific to this report.

Implications for Wales

12. The Gambling Act 2005 applies to Wales, and issues of specific concern will be pursued with colleagues in the WLGA.

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19 May 2009

Tired of hanging around

Summary

This report summarises the “Tired of hanging around” report published by the Audit Commission in January 2009, which focuses on the role of sport and leisure activities in preventing anti-social behaviour in young people aged 8 to 19 years.

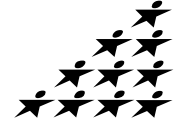
Recommendations

Members are asked to note the report, and provide a steer regarding any issues of interest.

Action

Officers to take forward any recommended actions.

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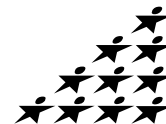
Background

1. *“Tired of Hanging Around: Using Sport and Leisure Activities to Prevent Anti-social Behaviour by Young People”* was published by the Audit Commission in January 2009, and focuses on the role of sport and leisure activities in preventing anti-social behaviour in young people aged 8 to 19 years. The report draws on the findings of a survey of 56 sport and leisure projects, together with the outcomes of 17 focus groups, held with a total of 71 young people in three case study areas.
2. The report argues that sport and leisure activities have an important role in preventing anti-social behaviour. Such activities are popular amongst young people, and provide a positive alternative to anti-social behaviour. With careful management, sport and leisure activities can also bring together groups that would not normally mix. However, sport and leisure activities must be provided effectively. Projects must be available over the medium- to long- term to have a positive and permanent impact. Furthermore, they need to be accessible, reliable and relevant, and reflect the diversity of young people’s needs.

What is happening locally?

3. The report stresses the need for Councils, children’s trusts and their partners, such as families and the voluntary sector, to work together in delivering sport and leisure activities that engage young people, and identifies several weaknesses in current delivery:
 - The first is that consultation with young people about new projects or activities is rare, and that consultation with those young people likely to use those projects or activities is still rarer. Activities in most areas are based on the views of local commissioners or on the requirements attached to funding streams.
 - The second weakness is that none of the case study sites have taken area-wide approaches to coordinating activities. The role of some potential partners was not recognised within certain areas, which has resulted not only in less effective service delivery, but also in a loss of networking opportunities and access to potential funding sources.
 - A further weakness is the current limited evaluation over project effectiveness. For example, just 41 per cent of projects in the case study areas had outcome measures linked to their objectives. There was also a lack of good qualitative and quantitative data collected. This results in a real difficulty in making accurate value for money assessments, and as such, acts as a constraint on future commissioning decisions in most areas.

Funding arrangements inhibit preventive schemes



4. The report findings state that current funding arrangements do not reflect the research evidence about how to change behaviour. Most funding arrangements last for fewer than three years, which limits the effectiveness and sustainability of projects. The report adds that “*a project with three years of funding only has an active life of two years. In the first six months, it recruits staff and builds links with local communities. In the last six months project workers are trying to find new sources of money, referring young people on to other projects and looking for other jobs.*” Money is diverted away from young people towards contingency payments for possible future redundancy.
5. The report adds that over half of the funding for preventive projects comes from central government, but arrangements are complicated and there is little local coordination. This lack of coordination between Councils and their partners results in competition for the same money and wasted time, money and effort.

The Way Forward

6. The report suggests that, in trying to move forward councils, working with their local strategic partnerships, should:
 - Engage with local young people, parents and communities
 - Ensure an integrated, coordinated and comprehensive programme of sport and leisure activities by working with other organisations
 - Train staff to implement strategic commissioning processes, review projects and use findings to improve provision and identify ways to build long-term sustainability in to projects.
 - Assist local projects by providing support in seeking funding and making bids, coordinating applications for funding and funding streams, and promote project management and training for staff.
7. In addition central government should:
 - Support longer-term programmes in preference to short-term projects
 - Reduce the number of funding streams by making increased use of pooling funding for youth anti-social behaviour and associated activities
 - Improve communication and marketing of available funding streams
 - Provide a simple template for project and programme evaluation

Financial Implications

8. No financial implications specific to this report.

Implications for Wales

9. This report does not hold implications for Wales, as this is a devolved matter.

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Note of Decisions Taken and Actions Required

Item 8

Culture, Tourism and Sport Board

Monday 16 March 2009

Thistle Hotel, Brighton, BN1 2GS

Present:

Chair: Councillor Chris White (Hertfordshire) (Lib Dem)

Vice Chair:

Deputy Chairs: Councillor Stephen Castle (Essex CC) (Con); Councillor Colin Brewer (North Cornwall DC)

Members: Councillor Sir William Lawrence (Stratford-on-Avon DC); Councillor Ken Maddock (Mendip DC); Councillor Geraldine Carter (Calderdale MBC); Councillor Trevor Thorne (Alnwick BC); Councillor Henry Smith (West Sussex CC); Councillor Mahroof Hussain (Rotherham MDC); Councillor Mark Hackett (Manchester City Council); Councillor Paul Crossley (Bath & NE Somerset);

Substitutes: Councillor Alan Gloak (Somerset CC) (Lib Dem substitute); Councillor Nilgun Canver (Haringey) (Labour substitute); Councillor Gill Mitchell (Brighton and Hove) (Labour Substitute)

In attendance: LGA: Paul Raynes; Steven Skelton; Laura Caton and Tina Surman
CLOA: Dr Ann Gosse; Nigel Lynn

Apologies: Sir Robin Wales (Vice Chair, Newham LB) (Lab); Councillor Bryony Rudkin (Ipswich); Councillor Paul Massey (Cheltenham BC)

1. Notes of previous meeting

The notes of the previous meeting were **agreed**.

2. DCMS libraries modernisation review

Officials from the DCMS libraries modernisation review team updated members on the progress of the review. They sought members' comments on the current direction of travel, and asked for input as to how best to communicate the emerging messages of

the review in a way that would secure substantial buy in across local government at a senior level.

Key comments / questions from Members included:

- The Library service needs to deliver at a corporate (LAA / LSP) level;
- Partnership working was central to delivering an effective modern library service. For example, co-location with schools, Sure Start centres or Further Education colleges could unlock resources and improve services. This should be brought to the fore in the review;
- The library service is about human interaction and welcome, not just book loans or access to IT;
- The work of the Youth Libraries Board provides examples of best practice;
- In discussing footprint, the review could be clearer in articulating that libraries are about providing a service to people, and that it is important to move beyond buildings;
- The review should avoid detailing lists of suggestions (i.e. of potential partners) as these can quickly become exhaustive and limit imagination;
- Given the present state of the economy, the review should focus on helping Councils further develop an efficient library service delivered in partnership, rather than making suggestions that would require increases in funding from council tax;
- It is important to place the libraries modernisation discussion within the context of cultural services and the single improvement toolkit;
- Libraries are central to reaching out to, for example, housebound or disabled residents and providing them with access to information and entertainment;
- The review needs to be clear on the question of workforce development. Library staff must be seen – and must see themselves – as part of the Council, and key to delivering on its corporate priorities and ambitions.

Decisions

- Members' comments were welcomed by DCMS, and will be fed into the future development of the review.

Actions

- Officers to explore with DCMS the possibility of a joint LGA / DCMS communication to publicise the Libraries Review once complete.

3. Licensing of lap-dancing clubs

The Board discussed measures in the Policing and Crime Reduction Bill to place lap-dancing clubs under a new licensing regime. The bill proposes that such clubs should be licensed as “sex encounter venues” (SEV) rather than via the existing arrangements of the Licensing Act 2003. The SEV regime would allow councils to consider a wider range of local concerns when considering a license for a lap-dancing club.



In particular, Members discussed two amendments currently being sought to the Bill. The first is to remove the exemption from the SEV licensing regime for a venue that puts on lap dancing fewer than 12 times a year. The second requires all Councils to take up the new powers within the PCR Bill.

The Board noted that the LGA has led the campaign to impose a tougher licensing regime on lap-dancing and has worked closely with Object and the Fawcett Society, with which the LGA had hitherto agreed on an approach to the legislation. The Board supported the first amendment. The second was more problematic. The LGA's strong line on lap-dancing was unquestioned, but the imposition of a mandatory requirement was in fundamental conflict with the LGA's view that councils should decide their own local approaches. In discussing the second amendment, members spoke both in support of and in opposition to introducing a mandatory duty on councils to licence lap dancing clubs as SEVs.

Decisions

- Given the narrow balance of views among the elected Members present at the meeting, the Chair agreed to raise the issue of introducing a new mandatory duty at LGA Executive on 19 March.

Actions

- The Chair to respond to those Councillors that had written the 26 February letter to First magazine.

4. Member feedback from outside bodies

Members reported on the meetings they had attended on behalf of the Board. They also noted that the grid detailing meetings with outside bodies was incomplete, and in places inaccurate. They requested that the grid be circulated to Members in advance of future Board meetings in order that it is as up-to-date and comprehensive as possible.

Members also discussed the Tourism Working Group (TWG). Members agreed that it was unfortunate that a TWG has not been arranged to coincide with the March Board meeting. Future arrangements must be clearly conveyed to members.

Actions

- Officers to circulate the grid detailing meetings with outside bodies to members in advance of future Board meetings. **Steven Skelton**

5. Update on current issues

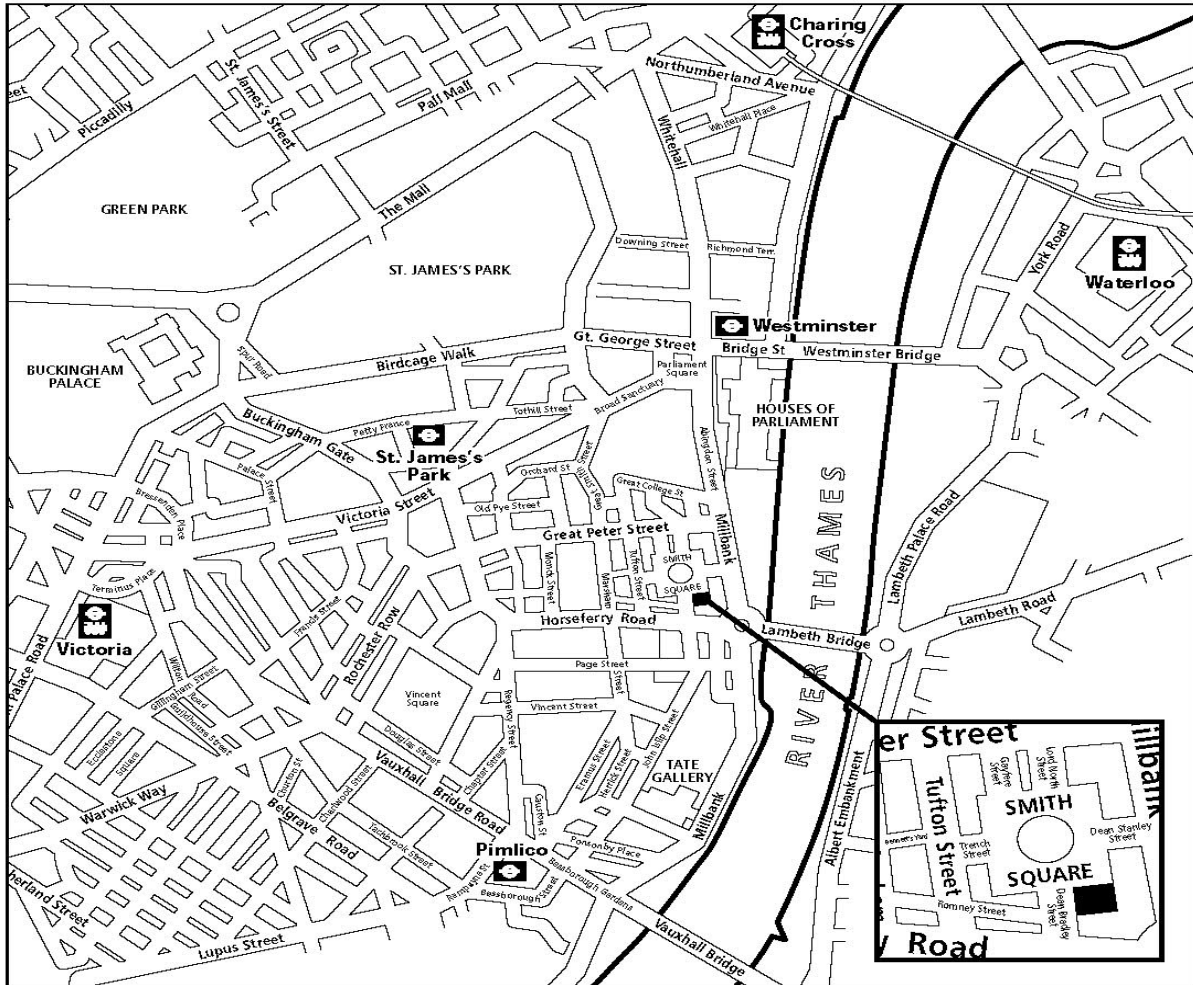
Members noted the update on current issues.

6. Policing and Crime Bill

Members noted the update on the licensing aspects of the Policing and Crime Bill

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 19 May 11.00am, Local Government House

LGA Location Map



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Public transport

Local Government House is well served by public transport. The nearest mainline stations are; **Victoria** and **Waterloo**; the local underground stations are **St James's Park** (Circle and District Lines); **Westminster** (Circle, District and Jubilee Lines); and **Pimlico** (Victoria Line), all about 10 minutes walk away. Buses **3** and **87** travel along **Millbank**, and the **507** between Victoria and Waterloo goes close by at the end of **Dean Bradley Street**.

Bus route – Millbank

- 87** Wandsworth - Aldwych
- 3** Crystal Palace - Brixton - Oxford Circus

Bus routes - Horseferry Road

- 507** Waterloo - Victoria
- C10** Canada Water - Pimlico - Victoria
- 88** Camden Town - Whitehall - Westminster - Pimlico - Clapham Common

Cycling Facilities

Cycle racks are available at Local Government House. Please telephone the LGA on 020 7664 3131.

Central London Congestion Charging Zone

Local Government House is located within the congestion charging zone. For further details, please call 0845 900 1234 or visit the website at www.cclondon.com

Car Parks

- Abingdon Street Car Park**
Great College Street
- Horseferry Road Car Park**
Horseferry Road/Arneway Street