

Note of decisions taken and actions required

Title: Culture, Tourism and Sport Board
Date and time: Monday 13 September 2010
Venue: People's History Museum, Manchester

Attendance

Position	Councillor	Council
Chair	Cllr Chris White (Liberal Democrat)	Hertfordshire CC
Vice Chair	Cllr Simon Henig (Labour)	Durham CC
Deputy chair	Cllr Stephen Castle (Conservative)	Essex CC
Deputy chair	Cllr Geoff Knight (Independent)	Lancaster City
Members	Conservative	
	Sir William Lawrence	Stratford-upon-Avon DC
	Cllr Ken Maddock	Somerset CC
	Cllr Kevin Carroll	Torbay
	Cllr Geoffrey Theobald OBE	Brighton & Hove
	Cllr Andrew Lewer	Derbyshire CC
	Labour	
	Cllr Bryony Rudkin	Ipswich BC
	Cllr Caitlin Bisknell	High Peak DC
	Liberal Democrat	
	Cllr Flick Rea	Camden LB
	Cllr John Commons	Manchester City
Substitutes	Cllr David Lloyd	Hertfordshire CC
Apologies	Cllr Anne Hawkesworth	Bradford MDC
	Cllr Chris Roberts	Greenwich LB
	Cllr Mike Amesbury	Manchester City
	Cllr David Philips	Swansea City

In attendance: Nigel Lynn (CLOA); Paul Raynes, Martyn Allison, Steve Skelton, Laura Caton, Georgie White, Paul Johnston. (LG Group).

Item	Decisions and actions	Action by
1	<p>Culture, Tourism and Sport Board – note of last meeting</p> <p>The notes of the last meeting of the Board were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>Members asked that, at any future away-day meetings, political group meetings be arranged to take place at the beginning of the day.</p>	
2	<p>Future Libraries Programme</p> <p>Officers updated the Board, noting that the Programme, led by the LG Group in collaboration with the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA) and DCMS, had been launched on 16 August 2010.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p><i>Members noted the update on the programme, and requested that there be further collaboration between the Board and the ten areas that had been selected to take place in the first project phase.</i></p> <p><i>Members requested further Programme updates at future Board meetings.</i></p> <p>Action</p>	
	<p>Officers to provide further updates to future Board meetings, and coordinate visits to some of the phase one areas.</p>	<p>Martyn Allison / Laura Caton</p>
	<p>Officers to circulate the MLA report on Somerset as suggested by Cllr Maddock.</p>	<p>Paul Johnston</p>
3	<p>Museums Improvement</p> <p>Officers tabled a confidential report on a proposed model for a sector-led museums improvement programme. Officers said that the model would allow for the establishment of museums to organise themselves as partnerships on either a local or regional basis with the option of commissioning central support where this was appropriate.</p>	

Members welcomed the report, noting that the model brought about greater local decision-making responsibility for the museums service, and noted that the Culture, Tourism and Sport Programme Board would have a role in ensuring that capacity for this programme existed. Members asked that any guidelines issued to partnerships be advisory rather than mandatory.

Decision

Members agreed that the proposed model set out that as much funding as possible be devolved to local partnerships, who would collectively commission appropriate national support services.

Members agreed that the Board Chair write to the Minister for Culture outlining the Board's position and proposals in this area.

Action

Officers to progress work on the draft proposal and update Board Members at future meetings.

Martyn Allison
/ Laura Caton

The Chair to write to the Minister for Culture outlining the Board's position and proposals in this area.

Laura Caton

4 Supporting the visitor economy

Officers introduced the report, noting that 59 submissions to form Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) had to date been received by the Government, 56 of which were from local government. Officers also drew members' attention to the Prime Minister's proposal to allow councils to retain a proportion of the increased revenue from business rates generated by more tourism which would provide a significant incentive for the visitor economy.

Members were concerned by the tone of the report and said it should be clear that LEPs were a significantly different structure to Regional Development Agencies.

Members said that it was important, in terms of future planning, for the new public sector tourism landscape to be established as quickly as possible. Members also said that it was important that the LG Group continue to lobby Government to support the visitor economy and to recognise the crucial role that local government plays in supporting and delivering tourism. Any central government money for tourism should be devolved to councils or

LEPs.

Decision

Members agreed that the LGA would write to the Minister for Tourism and Heritage setting out its views on supporting tourism businesses and incentivising local authorities to invest in the visitor economy.

Members agreed that the Chair would write to all LEP partnerships to advocate for the value and potential of tourism as an industry, and to reinforce the importance of strong partnerships between councils and businesses locally.

Action

Officers to draft correspondence to the Minister for Tourism and Heritage and to the LEP partnerships.

Laura Caton

5 2011 Culture, Tourism and Sport annual conference

Members noted that the 2011 Culture, Tourism and Sport annual conference would take place in York on 3 and 4 March 2011. Members discussed possible themes and site visits for the conference.

Members said that it was important to emphasise the links between the Culture, Tourism and Sport Programme Board and the Conference.

Action

Officers to continue to progress with drafting the Conference programme and to report to Members on progress in due course.

Laura Caton

6 Culture, Tourism and Sport Programme Board membership and terms of reference

Members noted the report.

7 Membership of outside bodies and feedback from Members

Members noted the report.

Decision

Members agreed that appointments to outside bodies be delegated to Lead Members of the Board.

Action

Officers to circulate a final list of recommended outside bodies to Lead Members ahead of the LG Group Executive meeting in October.

Paul Johnston

8 Revenue Support Grant (RSG)

Members noted the report.

9 Update on current issues

Members noted the report.

Members said that local authorities were concerned about LOCOG's top down approach to the Torch Relay. Members were emphasising to LOCOG the important role of local government in delivering the Torch Relay.

Members noted the DCMS Structural Reform Plan and said that the issue of a possible economic and digital divide over superfast broadband provision was of concern.

Decision

Members asked that a more comprehensive report be prepared for the Board's next meeting on LG Group proposals for local community banks.

Action

Officers to prepare a report on LG Group proposals for local community banks for the next Board meeting.

Laura Caton

Officers to reflect to DCMS members' comments that the 2015 deadline for roll out of high speed broadband is too late.

Laura Caton