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**Membership of Outside Bodies and feedback from members**

**Purpose of report**

For discussion / decision.

**Summary**

This report outlines outside bodies to which the Programme Board is asked to appoint for the 2010 / 11 meeting cycle. This report also seeks to confirm to Members appointed to the Board will not, by virtue of their appointment, incur any fiduciary duties on those outside bodies to which they are appointed.

Members that have attended recent meetings of outside bodies are also **invited** to provide any relevant oral feedback.

**Recommendations**

The Board is asked to:

1. formally appoint to outside bodies detailed at **Appendix A**
2. that members currently representing the Programme Board on outside bodies **provide any appropriate feedback** from recent meetings, details of which are enclosed at **Appendix B**;

**Actions**

1. Officers to inform outside bodies of any changes in, or confirm continuation of, LGA representatives.
2. Officers to confirm appointments directly to members.

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**Background**

1. The Local Government Group currently benefits from a wide network of member representatives on outside bodies across all Programme Boards. These appointments are reviewed on an annual basis across the Group to ensure that the aims and activities of the outside bodies remain pertinent to the LG Group.

**Programme Board appointments**

2. At the September Board meeting, Members considered and agreed the process for appointing to outside bodies, and Lead Members subsequently agreed the list of outside bodies, including ad-hominem appointments, to which the Board is recommended to appoint. A list of those outside bodies to which the Culture, Tourism and Sport Programme Board currently appoints is accordingly **attached as Appendix A.**
3. Members are therefore asked to agree the appointments to those bodies for this meeting cycle, which are to be made in proportion with political representation across the LG Group.
4. In order to satisfy strict proportionality, our analysis shows that compared with 2009 / 10, the Conservative Group would need to lose 1 appointment, the Liberal Democrat Group gain 1 appointment, the Labour Group gain 2 appointments and the Independent Group lose 1 appointment. This would result in 4 vacancies being filled by the Conservative Group, 3 by the Labour Group and 2 by the Liberal Democrat Group.
5. If Members wished to broadly confirm members who are still CTS Programme Board Members in the same roles, strict proportionality could be achieved by the Conservatives giving up 1 appointment and all parties confirming other 2010 / 11 Board Members in their 09 / 10 positions. This would leave 4 vacancies (the other 3 being created by the Rural Commission and Urban Commission Steering Committee – where 09 / 10 Members are no longer Board Members - and the new outside body - the Local Authority World Heritage Forum - to be distributed so that Labour has 3 appointments and the Liberal Democrats have 1 appointment.
6. Members are also asked to agree a Social Inclusion and Equalities Representative for the Board.

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7. This paper also provides members with the opportunity to **feedback** on recent meetings of outside bodies at which they have represented the Board, a list of which is **attached** as **Appendix B**.

**Financial Implications**

8. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. Reasonable travel and subsistence costs will be paid by the LG Group for expenses incurred by a member appointee, whilst carrying out a representative role on an outside body on behalf of the Group.

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**Appendix A**

**LG Group Culture, Tourism and Sport Programme Board: Outside Bodies**

<b>Organisation / contact details</b>	<b>Background</b>	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Allowances/ Expenses</b>	<b>LG Group Contact Officer</b>
<b>Parliamentary All Party Leisure Group and Sports Caucus</b>	The Sports Caucus was set up in November 2003 to provide a focus for the sports lobby in Parliament.	<b>(1 place)</b> <b>VACANCY</b> (2009 / 10: Cllr Stephen Castle- Conservative)	LGA will cover reasonable travel and subsistence.	Laura Caton Business Manager (020) 7664 3074 <a href="mailto:laura.caton@local.gov.uk">laura.caton@local.gov.uk</a>
<b>National Youth Libraries Board</b>	The National Youth Libraries Board champions the role of libraries in delivering outcomes for children.	<b>(1 place)</b> <b>VACANCY</b> (2009 / 10: Cllr Flick Rea – Liberal Democrat)	LGA will cover reasonable travel and subsistence.	Laura Caton Business Manager (020) 7664 3074 <a href="mailto:laura.caton@local.gov.uk">laura.caton@local.gov.uk</a>
<b>British Board of Film Classification – Consultative Council</b>	The British Board of Film Classification classifies films on behalf of Local Authorities and videos / DVDs under the terms of the Video Recordings Act. Its "Consultative Council" is a requirement of the Board's designation under the Video Recordings Act.	<b>(1 place)</b> <b>VACANCY</b> (2009 / 10: Cllr Sir William Lawrence – Conservative)	Reasonable travel expenses can be claimed from the BBFC.	Laura Caton Business Manager (020) 7664 3074 <a href="mailto:laura.caton@local.gov.uk">laura.caton@local.gov.uk</a>

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<b>Tourism Alliance</b>	The TA seeks to establish and maintain a favourable operating environment for all businesses involved in the delivery of tourism, particularly in England. The LGA has a non-voting place on the Board.	<b>(1 place)</b> <b>VACANCY</b> (2009 / 10: Cllr Kevin Carroll - Conservative)	LGA will cover reasonable travel and subsistence.	Laura Caton Business Manager (020) 7664 3074 <a href="mailto:laura.caton@local.gov.uk">laura.caton@local.gov.uk</a>
<b>British Tourism Development Committee</b>	The BTDC is Visit Britain's main consultative mechanism with the tourism industry. It acts as a forum for discussion and representation to Government and others.	<b>(1 place)</b> <b>VACANCY</b> (2009 / 10: Sir William Lawrence - Conservative)	LGA will cover reasonable travel and subsistence	Laura Caton Business Manager (020) 7664 3074 <a href="mailto:laura.caton@local.gov.uk">laura.caton@local.gov.uk</a>
<b>British Resorts and Destinations Association</b>	Operates as a trade association representing the wider interest of local authority sponsored tourism. Membership includes local government authorities of all types and sizes from across the UK, regional and local tourist boards and commercial organisations.	<b>(1 place)</b> <b>VACANCY</b> (2009 / 10: Cllr Geoffrey Theobald - Conservative)	LGA will cover reasonable travel and subsistence.	Laura Caton Business Manager (020) 7664 3074 <a href="mailto:laura.caton@local.gov.uk">laura.caton@local.gov.uk</a>
<b>Local Authority World Heritage Forum</b>	The Local Authority World Heritage Forum (LAWHF) is a network of local authorities in the UK that have the whole or part of an Inscribed World Heritage Site or Tentative Site within their administrative boundaries.  LAWHF exists to help local	<b>(1 place)</b> <b>VACANT</b> in 09/10 (New vacancy)	LGA will cover reasonable travel and subsistence.	Laura Caton Business Manager (020) 7664 3074 <a href="mailto:laura.caton@local.gov.uk">laura.caton@local.gov.uk</a>

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	authorities play their part in protecting, conserving and presenting UK World Heritage Sites.			
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Appointments to LG Group bodies

Organisation / contact details	Background	Representatives	Allowances/ Expenses	LG Group Contact Officer
<b>Rural Commission</b> Local Government Association	Provides the forum within the Association for member authorities with an interest in rural affairs.	<b>(1 place)</b> <b>VACANCY</b> (2009 / 10: Cllr Andrew Cooper (Independent Group)	No expenses or allowance paid.	Sarah Monaghan Member Support Officer (020) 7664 3214 <a href="mailto:sarah.monaghan@local.gov.uk">sarah.monaghan@local.gov.uk</a>
<b>Urban Commission Steering Committee</b> Local Government Association	The Urban Commission provides a forum LGA for member authorities whose areas are wholly or partly urban. The Urban Commission will act in a way that complements the principals of the LGA as a whole.	<b>(1 place)</b> <b>VACANCY</b> (2009 / 10: Cllr Ian Mearns, Labour Group)	No expenses or allowance paid.	Fatima De Abreu Member Support Officer (020) 7664 3136 <a href="mailto:fatima.deabreu@local.gov.uk">fatima.deabreu@local.gov.uk</a>
<b>European and International Programme Board</b> (excluded from the strict proportionality considerations)	One member (either chair or other member) from each of the LGA Policy Boards, who would champion the integration of E&I policy issues within their board. Champion EU issues at the Board and to ensure LGA policy positions are reached,	<b>1 place</b> Cllr David Lloyd, Hertfordshire CC (Cons)	No expenses or allowance paid.	Jasbir Jhas European & International Manager <a href="mailto:Jasbir.jhas@local.gov.uk">Jasbir.jhas@local.gov.uk</a>

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	where needed. Receive early-warning on EU legislative proposals and to champion these issues at their Boards.			
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**Ad-hominem appointments**

<b>Organisation / contact details</b>	<b>Background</b>	<b>2010 / 11 Representatives</b>	<b>Allowances/ Expenses</b>	<b>LGA Contact Officer</b>
<a href="#"><u>2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games Nations and Regions Group (NRG)</u></a>	Chaired by London 2012 Organising Committee Board member Charles Allen, the NRG is made up of 12 senior representatives from UK business and sport: nine from the English regions and one each from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.	1 LGA appointment:  <b>Cllr Chris White</b> (as Chair of the Board)  <b>Cllr Stephen Castle</b> (also attends as Chair of the NRG East)	LGA will cover reasonable travel and subsistence	Laura Caton Business Manager (020) 7664 3154 <a href="mailto:laura.caton@local.gov.uk"><u>laura.caton@local.gov.uk</u></a>
<b>DCMS Informal Local Government Network</b>	The informal local government network allows DCMS to communicate ideas and proposals to people who have a direct influence over the provision of culture and sport at a local level	4 appointments (as Lead Members):  <b>Cllr Chris White</b> <b>Cllr Simon Henig</b> <b>Cllr Stephen Castle</b> <b>Cllr Geoff Knight</b>	LGA will cover reasonable travel and subsistence	Laura Caton Business Manager (020) 7664 3074 <a href="mailto:laura.caton@local.gov.uk"><u>laura.caton@local.gov.uk</u></a>

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<p><b>DCMS Accessibility Forum</b></p>	<p>The Forum aims to ensure the needs of disabled people are taken into account when planning the accommodation, transport and information that will be required by disabled visitors and athletes participating in 2012.</p>	<p>1 appointment: <b>Sir William Lawrence</b> (as organisational appointee)</p>	<p>LGA will cover reasonable travel and subsistence</p>	<p>Laura Caton Business Manager (020) 7664 3074 <a href="mailto:laura.caton@local.gov.uk">laura.caton@local.gov.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Tourism for All</b></p>	<p>A national registered charity which provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information to people with disabilities and older people in relation to accessible accommodation and other tourism services;</li> <li>• Providing expertise and support to the tourism and hospitality sector to provide accessible services for all;</li> <li>• A network for organizations and individuals who wish to support our objectives.</li> </ul>	<p>1 appointment: <b>Sir William Lawrence</b> (as Organisation Chair)</p>	<p>LGA will cover reasonable travel and subsistence</p>	<p>Laura Caton Business Manager (020) 7664 3074 <a href="mailto:laura.caton@local.gov.uk">laura.caton@local.gov.uk</a></p>

The Culture, Tourism and Sport Board also agreed to appoint the following Members to 'champion' roles:

Cllr Kevin Carroll – **Social inclusion and equalities representative**



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**Appendix B**

**Member feedback from outside meetings**

**Recent**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b><i>The future of Culture, Tourism and Sport conference</i></b>	<b>14 September 2010</b>
Cllr White spoke at this conference organised by Neil Stewart Associates.	
<b>Nations and Regions Group meeting</b>	<b>30 September 2010</b>
Cllr White attended a meeting of the Nations and Regions Group, a body made up of 12 senior regional representatives from UK business and sport, where discussions centred on local government engagement with the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games in a post-Regional Development Agency landscape.	
<b>LGA meeting with BIS</b>	<b>6 October 2010</b>
Cllr White met with Robert Sullivan, Head of Broadband UK at BIS, to discuss potential joint working to support councils to increase and improve broadband access in partnership with the private sector.	
<b>Mitchells and Butlers meeting</b>	<b>7 October 2010</b>
Cllr White met with representatives from Mitchells and Butlers plc to discuss improving levels of social responsible in the on-license trade.	
<b>LGA / LOCOG meeting</b>	<b>14 October 2010</b>
Cllrs Henig and Castle met with representatives from the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG) to discuss LOCOG's official volunteering programme, and local government involvement with the torch relay.	
<b>LGA / Arts Council England meeting</b>	<b>19 October 2010</b>
Cllr White met with the Chair and Chief Executive of Arts Council England to discuss the implications of the Spending Review for the Arts.	
<b>CILIP Public Library Authorities Conference</b>	<b>20 October 2010</b>
Cllr White spoke at the conference, emphasising the continued importance of libraries to local communities and the need to drive service improvement against a backdrop of reduced public funding.	
<b>LGA / Sport England meeting</b>	<b>27 October 2010</b>

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Cllrs White and Castle met with representatives from Sport England to discuss the impact of the Spending Review on community sport, government proposals for the national School Olympics and the role of local government in delivering a sustainable legacy from the Olympic and Paralympic Games.	
<b>LGA / John Penrose MP meeting</b>	<b>27 October 2010</b>
Cllrs White and Castle met with the Minister for Tourism and Heritage to discuss live music licensing policy and the importance of strong partnerships between Destination Management Organisations, local government and the emerging Local Enterprise Partnerships to support and bolster tourism.	
<b>LGA / Ed Vaizey MP meeting</b>	<b>28 October 2010</b>
Cllr White met with Ed Vaizey MP, the Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries to discuss progress on work on the Future Libraries Programme that the LGA and Museums, Libraries and Archives Council are jointly leading on with Government support.	
<b>LGA meeting with New Economics Foundation</b>	<b>16 November 2010</b>
Cllrs White and Castle met with representatives from the New Economics Foundation, an independent British think-tank, to discuss LG Group proposals for community banks.	

**Forthcoming**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
Institute of Sport and Recreation Management Conference	18 November 2010	Cllr Chris White
2012 Olympics Resilience Member Steering Group	25 November 2010	Cllr Chris White
DCMS Social Legacy Board	30 November 2010	Cllr Chris White
NRG joint member and coordinator meeting	2 December 2010	Cllr White and Cllr Castle
Meeting with Ed Vaizey MP	8 December 2010	Cllr Chris White
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