

Note of decisions taken and actions required

Title:	Culture, Tourism and Sport Programme Board
Date and time:	Wednesday 17 November 2010
Venue:	Smith Square Rooms 3 and 4, Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ.

Attendance

Position	Councillor	Council
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-on-Avon DC
	Cllr Ken Maddock	Somerset CC
	Cllr Andrew Lewer	Derbyshire CC
	Labour	
	Cllr Bryony Rudkin	Ipswich BC
	Cllr Chris Roberts	Greenwich LB
	Liberal Democrat	
	Cllr Flick Rea	Camden LB
Substitutes	Cllr David Phillips (Labour)	Swansea City
	Cllr Gary Millar (Liberal Democrat)	Liverpool City
	Cllr Anne Hall (Liberal Democrat)	West Sussex
Apologies	Cllr Kevin Carroll (Conservative)	Torbay Council
	Cllr Geoffrey Theobald OBE (Conservative)	Brighton & Hove Council
	Cllr Caitlin Bisknell (Labour)	High Peak DC
	Cllr Chris White (Liberal Democrat)	Hertfordshire CC
	Cllr John Commons (Liberal Democrat)	Manchester City
In attendance	Nigel Lynn (CLOA), Martyn Allison, Laura Caton, Clarissa Corbisiero, Matt Nicholls, Paul Raynes, George Moody (LG Group)	

Item	Decisions and actions	Action by
1	<p>Culture, Tourism and Sport Programme Board – note of last meeting</p> <p>Cllr Simon Henig, Vice Chair, welcomed Members to the meeting and passed on the Chair’s apologies.</p> <p><i>Decision</i></p> <p><i>The note of the last meeting was agreed.</i></p> <p>Action</p> <p>The confidential paper mentioned under Museums Improvement to be circulated to Members.</p>	<p>Paul Johnston</p>
2	<p>Youth Libraries Board</p> <p>Miranda McKearney, Director of the Reading Agency, and Sue Jones, Senior Project Manager-Young People at the Reading Agency, gave an update on the Youth Libraries Board.</p> <p>The key points from the presentation were that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Libraries offer young people safe, welcoming spaces and inspiring learning and reading opportunities • The Youth Libraries Board works with young people, libraries, councils and others to advocate for the importance of libraries to young people, and to support libraries to fully involve young people in service delivery and design • The Reading Agency is working with 75 local authorities and 12,581 young people have been involved • One of the projects is “HeadSpace”, spaces in libraries designed by young people for young people. There are currently 23 HeadSpaces around the country. <p>Members were particularly interested in the HeadSpace project. They discussed the importance of tailoring the library offer to young people, but acknowledged the tension this can sometimes cause with other library users. Members also emphasised the importance of libraries forging partnerships with other local cultural bodies seeking to develop similar offers to</p>	

young people, such as museums.

Decision

Members agreed that potential areas of collaboration between the LG Group and the Youth Libraries Board should be explored.

Action

An update about the Youth Libraries Board to be included in the next CTS e-bulletin. **Paul Johnston**

A list of current Headspace projects, and contact details, to be circulated to Members. **Laura Caton / Paul Johnston**

3 Local Community Bank

Members discussed a paper outlining the LGA's campaign for the establishment of a local community bank. The bank would take a place based approach to investing devolved funding in the voluntary and community sectors (VCS) and would support the development of the Big Society locally.

Members strongly supported the proposal, but emphasised the focus should be on distributing lottery funds, and not seeking to become fully fledged local banks.

Members identified a number of existing organisations (e.g. Essex's Community Development Fund, the Community Foundation in Merseyside) whose work could be developed and/or built upon and whose expertise should be sought.

Members felt more work needed to be done on governance arrangements, particularly the role of local councillors, and noted the need to consult with the Economy and Transport Programme Board.

Decision

The proposed approach to establish a local community bank was agreed, subject Members' comments.

Action

Officers to progress the proposal in line with a steer from Members.

**Clarissa
Corbisiero**

Cllr Chris White to meet with Cllr Peter Box, Chair of the LG Group's Economy and Transport Programme Board, to discuss the proposal.

**Clarissa
Corbisiero**

4. Local media

The Government is currently consulting on a new Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity. Matt Nicholls, Head of News and Media Relations, LG Group, spoke to a report setting out why the Group believes that the proposed code of practice is at odds with the Government's commitment to localism, and updated Members on the Group's lobbying.

Members strongly supported the Group's position. They emphasised that the cost of publishing statutory notices in local newspapers is high – newspapers are able to charge councils premium rates because they have no choice of supplier -, that council newsletters are sent to every household, and that without council newsletters councils would have to spend more money communicating to residents in less efficient ways.

Decision

Members endorsed the LG Group's draft response to the Government's Draft Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity.

Action

Members' comments to be reflected in the briefing for the oral evidence session.

Matt Nicholls

5. Membership of outside bodies and feedback from Members

Members agreed that the Board's Lead Members should make appointments to Outside Bodies.

Cllr Lewer reported back on his attendance at the CILIP Public Library Authorities Conference. He said that, although the conference was very informative and useful, fewer elected

members, and especially those with a culture portfolio, attended.

Members requested written feedback on meetings attended from those Members unable to attend Board meetings in person.

Action

Lead Members to agree nominations to Outside Bodies.

Lead Members

Future Board papers to include the latest Chair's update, which includes a summary of meetings attended by Lead Members.

Paul Johnston

Members to consider e-books at a future meeting.

Laura Caton

6. Culture, Tourism and Sport Programme Board – update on current issues

Action

Cllr White to give an update on live music as part of the current issues item at the next Board meeting.

Cllr Chris White

The impact of the winding down of Regional Development Agencies on preparations for the 2012 Games to be discussed at the next Board.

Laura Caton

7. CLOA Case studies

Members briefly discussed case studies submitted by CLOA, which focused on the role of local cultural services in building the Big Society locally.

Decision

Members agreed the format of the case studies report.

Action

Case studies on topical culture, tourism and sport issues for councils to be a standing item at all Board meetings.

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Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 19 January, 1.00pm, Local Government House