

## Note of decisions taken and actions required

---

<b>Title:</b>	LG Group Culture, Tourism and Sport Programme Board
<b>Date and time:</b>	Wednesday 2 March 2011, 3.30pm
<b>Venue:</b>	National Centre of Early Music, York

---

### Attendance

Position	Councillor	Council
Vice Chair (in the Chair)	Cllr Simon Henig	Durham CC
Deputy chair	Cllr Stephen Castle Cllr Geoff Knight	Essex CC Lancaster City
Members	Sir William Lawrence Cllr Ken Maddock Cllr Geoffrey Theobald OBE Cllr Andrew Lewer Cllr Flick Rea Cllr John Commons	Stratford-on-Avon DC Somerset CC Brighton & Hove Derbyshire CC Camden LB Manchester City
Substitutes	Cllr David Lloyd Cllr David Phillips Cllr Sonja Crisp	Hertfordshire CC Swansea City City of York
Apologies	Cllr Chris White (Chair) Cllr Kevin Carroll Cllr Bryony Rudkin Cllr Chris Roberts Cllr Caitlin Bisknell	Hertfordshire CC Torbay Ipswich BC Greenwich LB High Peak DC

**Present:** Cllr Nigel Ayre, Gill Cooper (City of York Council) Paul Raynes, Martyn Allison, Laura Caton, Paul Johnston (all LG Group); Cllr Nigel Lynn (CLOA)

Item	Decisions and actions	Action by
1	<p><b>Culture, Tourism and Sport Programme Board – note of last meeting</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting. Members agreed the note of the previous meeting as a correct record.</p> <p>Members said they were keen that the Board should engage with councils outside London and asked for this to be taken into account when arranging meetings in the 2011/12 Board cycle.</p>	
2	<p><b>Future Libraries Programme</b></p> <p>Officers introduced the item, and circulated a confidential report on the current situation regarding library closures.</p> <p>Officers also briefed Members on progress with the Future Libraries Programme, which is supporting ten projects involving 36 councils (one quarter of library authorities) to develop, capture and share imaginative solutions to modernising and improving the efficiency of library services. Members noted progress with sharing lessons with as many councils as possible through on-line case studies and events.</p> <p>Members noted that national responsibility for supporting public library and museum improvement will pass to Arts Council England following the abolition of the Museums and Archives Council (MLA) by April 2012. Members said that it was important councils had a strong voice during the transition phase and officers said this was achieved through political-level meetings and representation on key groups overseeing the transition.</p> <p>Members asked about the Government's view on future arrangements for archives, which is also MLA's role. Officers said that there had been no formal announcement but the government was investigating how best to support the sharing of good practice. <i>[Post-meeting note: the government has now announced that The National Archives will take the lead national role on supporting archives and the Chief Executive is presenting to the Board on 26 May.]</i></p>	

***Decision***

*Members agreed to the actions as set out within paragraph 11 of the report.*

**Action**

Officers to progress the actions set out within paragraph 11 of the report:

- To continue to disseminate the learning from phase 1
- To secure agreement and funding for phase 2
- To agree with the Arts Council some joint principles that will underpin the transfer
- To draft a publication for a wider audience of national and local decision-makers, sharing the learning from the FLP

**3 Conference briefing**

Officers updated the Board on arrangements for the Culture, Tourism and Sport Conference, which took place over the next two days.

**4 Outside bodies feedback from Members**

Members noted the report.

**5 Culture, Tourism and Sport Programme Board – update on current issues**

Members noted the report.

Members said that it would be useful to show LOCOG's Torch DVD at the next Board meeting.

**Action**

Officers to arrange to show LOCOG's Torch DVD at the next Board meeting.

**6 CLOA case studies**

Members noted the report.



After the formal conclusion of the meeting, the Chair welcomed Cllr Nigel Ayre, the City of York's Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and Social Inclusion.

Cllr Ayre gave an overview of how the City of York is working with communities, public and private sector partners, and the voluntary sector to create a thriving local cultural offer that appeals to residents and visitors alike. In particular, Cllr Ayre described how the council is working in partnership with Aviva to secure private sector investment in the York Explore Centre; a community library hub.

Members thanked Cllr Ayre for his extremely informative presentation.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 26 May 2011**