

Note of last Meeting

Title: LGA Culture, Tourism and Sport Programme Board
Date and time: Wednesday 23 November 2011, 1.00pm
Venue: Local Government House

Attendance

Position	Councillor	Council
Chair:	Chris White	Hertfordshire CC
Vice chair:	Simon Henig	Durham CC
Deputy chair:	Andrew Lewer (Via Videolink)	Derbyshire CC
Deputy chair:	Geoff Knight	Lancaster City
Members:	Roger Begy	Rutland CC
	Sir William Lawrence	Stratford-on-Avon DC
	Ken Maddock	Somerset CC
	David Lloyd	Hertfordshire CC
	Caitlin Bisknell	High Peak DC
	Florence Nosegbe	Lambeth LB
	Brendan Jameson	South Lakeland DC
	David Phillips	City & County of Swansea
Substitutes:	Peter Golds	Tower Hamlets LB
Apologies:	Chris Roberts	Greenwich LB
	Doreen Stephenson	East Lindsey DC
Speakers:	Alan Davey, Andrea Stark (Arts Council England)	
CLOA:	Richard Hunt	
LGA Officers:	Helen Johnston, Laura Caton, Siraz Natha, Justine Wharton, Stephen Service	

Item	Decisions and actions	Action by
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Cllr White (Chair) welcomed Members to the meeting.

1 Note of last meeting

Members noted the minutes of the last meeting.

On **libraries**, Cllr Maddock updated Members on the judicial review into library closures in Somerset.

Cllr White added that he appeared on BBC Breakfast on 18 November to discuss libraries.

Cllr Nosegbe updated the Board on Lambeth’s libraries programme.

On the **Visitor Economy Landscape**, Cllr Maddock asked Members to note that the TBID opportunity was in San Diego and not San Francisco as stated in the minutes.

Laura Caton updated Members on the forthcoming **CTS Conference**. The team will send out an email to Members inviting interest for chairing workshops.

Decision

Members agreed the note of the last meeting as a correct record.

Action

Officers to ask Board Members to express an interest in chairing a workshop at the CTS Conference.

Stephen Service

2 Regulated Entertainment (Confidential item)

Cllr White tabled a new paper updating Members on the Live Music Private Members’ Bill. The Bill had been substantially amended and included a number of new conditions which responded to LGA concerns. Members suggested LGA should propose extending the exemption for provision of late night food to also include low risk regulated entertainment, such as cinema. As the Bill was passing through Committee stage in the House of Lords, the Board asked Lead Members to have a further discussion and reach an LGA position.

On regulated entertainment, Members supported the draft LGA response to the DCMS consultation. Members noted that some of the proposals were common sense changes that will reduce red tape for communities. However, Members also noted that councils had raised significant concerns about the impact of other

proposals on councils' ability to ensure the safety of higher risk events. Members agreed they could not support the full extent of deregulation proposed by DCMS.

Action

Officers to take forward an LGA response to the Live Music Private Members' Bill with Lead Members.

Laura Caton

Officers to submit the LGA's response to the DCMS consultation on regulated entertainment by 3 December.

Laura Caton

3 Visitor Economy Campaign

Cllr White asked that the proposal to write to portfolio holders in Paragraph 7.1 was amended to Chief Executives and Leaders instead.

Members agreed that the visitor economy was an important priority for the CTS Board but felt the suggested actions should be strengthened and consider issues such as visas, the BRIC countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China) and developing new markets.

Members highlighted the importance of local investment to support and grow the visitor economy and noted VisitEngland's new funding through the "growing tourism locally campaign." Richard Hunt from CLOA offered CLOA's support to local areas and said that intelligence suggested a reasonable level of match funding would be available.

The Board highlighted long waiting times for visitor visas and queues at customs as issues that local government need to engage with Government on. Cllr Maddock said that he has been speaking to John Penrose MP, Tourism Minister, on this issue.

The Board felt that the LGA should focus on good news stories and build on the 2012 Games legacy as numbers coming to the UK will increase during this time.

Decision

Members endorsed the proposal, subject to revision in response to comments at the Board.

Action

Officers to reflect Members' comments in developing a more detailed plan.

Laura Caton

4 Outside bodies feedback from Members

Cllr White summarised Member activity in recent meetings.

Cllr White clarified that the BHA's analysis of the hospitality industry's impact on "each local authority area" included district councils and has now been published at <http://www.bha.org.uk/hospitality-driving-local-economies-report/>.

On the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, Cllr Simon Henig reported that their last meeting had encompassed the potential public reaction to the Torch Relay and transport planning, and how local authorities could best respond.

Cllr Henig said he would be meeting with Harriet Harman MP towards the end of November.

Decision

Members noted the report.

5 Arts Council England – working in partnership on the arts, libraries and museums

Alan Davey, Chief Executive of ACE and Andrea Stark, Area Director for the East and South East, gave an oral update on ACE's funding priorities in the wake of 30% cuts to its budget earlier this year.

Mr Davey said that ACE had engaged in wide ranging conversations with councils across the country. He recognised councils were under pressure and praised them as partners. He said ACE's responsibilities for libraries and museums presented significant opportunities, and committed to a new way of working with the heritage lottery fund. Mr Davey clarified that ACE will share publicly available data on libraries with DCMS but will not have a formal role in the 1964 Act. He said that ACE's emphasis would be on library development and he was very pleased to be working in partnership with LGA on the Libraries Development Initiative. Mr Davey outlined funding available to councils to support the arts and audience development.

Ms Stark added that ACE were keen to get feedback from the Board on the current situation in councils as they moved into their next budget round.

Members noted that responsibility for archives had passed to The National Archives. They are currently in talks with ACE about a memorandum of understanding.

Members raised a number of issues with ACE, including the importance of engaging with councillors, more temporary paid events at regional arts venues and continued dialogue between LGA and ACE at a time of significant change.

Cllr White thanked ACE Officers for attending.

Decision

Members noted the report.

Post meeting note: *Chris White is meeting Dame Liz Forgan and Alan Davey, Chair and Chief Executive of ACE, on 9 February.*

6 Strategic Commissioning

Members sought greater clarity from Officers on the detail of this Paper, including what was being offered and who was being targeted.

Siraz Natha responded that commissioners could constitute one of a number of different stakeholders, including PCTs and Children's Services. He referred to the paper's paragraph on the role of CTS in reducing crime.

Members said that local partnerships and the role of CTS in regeneration to provide economic opportunities also needed to be included. The Board also cited the transfer of public health responsibilities from PCTs to Upper Tier Authorities as a crucial area which needed to be reflected more strongly in the paper.

Action

Officers to reflect Members' comments in developing proposals for the strategic commissioning offer. **Siraz Natha**

7 6 month Performance update

Members noted the update.

8. Update on Current issues

On the Regional Growth fund, councillors asked what the figure for the VisitEngland bid was. Officers agreed to find out and let Members know via email.

Cllr Maddock offered to host a future CTS Board in Taunton. Members were very supportive of this but recognised there were travel implications and asked Officers to investigate further, in view of other meetings taking place.

Decision

Members noted the report.

Action

Officers to let Members know the figure for the regional growth fund bid via email.

Laura Caton

Officers to work with Somerset County Council on hosting a CTS Board in Taunton.

Stephen Service

**Date of next meeting: 1.00pm, Wednesday 18 January, 2012
Local Government House**