

Note of Last Meeting

Title:	Culture, Tourism and Sport Board
Date and time:	09 September 2013, 1:00pm
Venue:	Smith Square Rooms 1 and 2, Local Government House, Local Government Association, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

Attendance

Position	Councillor	Council
Chair:	Flick Rea MBE	Camden LB
Vice chair:	Simon Henig	Durham CC
Deputy chairman:	Andrew Lewer	Derbyshire CC
Deputy chairman:	Geoff Knight	Lancaster
Members:	Roger Begy OBE	Rutland CC
	Sir William Lawrence	Stratford-on-Avon DC
	Chris Knowles-Fitton	Craven DC
	Doreen Stephenson	East Lindsey DC
	Peter Golds	Tower Hamlets LB
	Tom Fitzpatrick	North Norfolk DC
	Caitlin Bisknell	High Peak BC
	Simon Blackburn	Blackpool Council
	Sonja Crisp	City of York
	Terry O'Neill	Warrington Council
	Isobel Bowler	Sheffield City Council
	Mike Bell	North Somerset Council
	Amanda Martin	Council of the Isles of Scilly
Guests:	Colin Organ	Gloucester City Council
	Martin Veal	Bath & North East Somerset Council
	Iain Varah	CLOA
Apologies:	David Phillips	City & County of Swansea
LGA Officers:	Paul Raynes, Laura Caton, Siraz Natha, Jonathan Yeates and Donna Hirsch	

Item Decisions and actions

Action by

Councillor Flick Rea, Chair, welcomed members and guests to the first meeting of the 2013-14 meeting cycle. The meeting was opened by introducing all the new members of the CTS Board.

For the benefit of the new members, the Chair highlighted the latest LGA publications on Arts and Growth, the Visitor Economy and Heritage. A copy of the latest Culture, Tourism and Sport improvement brochure was also presented to all members.

Councillor Amanda Martin declared an interest as she is an Associate Member of the Museums Association.

1 Note of last meeting and matters arising

The note from the last meeting on 9 July 2013 were approved with the following actions for follow up as requested by members:

- Members were thanked for their comments to the Farrell Review. As requested by Members, the LGA's response is attached at **Annex A** to the minutes.
- Cllr Stephenson said that she would share a case study about East Lindsey's use of Catalyst funding. This is attached at **Annex B**.
- The Chairs of Sport England, Arts Council England, VisitEngland and English Heritage are confirmed speakers for the 2014 CTS Conference. We are waiting to hear back from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport on a Ministerial speaker.
- Diane Lees, Chair of the National Museum Directors' Council, is to be invited to a future Board meeting.
- Cllr Morris Bright, Leader of Hertsmere Borough Council, has an item on the regeneration of Elstree Studios in the next edition of FIRST.

2 The future of English Heritage

Deborah Lamb, Director of National Advice and Information at English Heritage, attended the board to update Members on the proposal to establish a charity to care for the 420 historic properties in the National Heritage Collection on a self-financing basis, supported by Government investment of £80 million. She also passed on best wishes from Sir Laurie Magnus, the new Chair of English Heritage.

Ms Lamb said that the new model will still provide continuity, with the following points remaining the same:

- Statutory duties and responsibilities of Commission will not change.
- Sites in the National Heritage Collection will remain in public ownership.
- No changes to duties and powers in heritage protection.

She then detailed how the extra £80 million investment would be used to cover the conservation backlog at protected sites.

Ms Lamb added that English Heritage's planning and heritage protection responsibilities would be known as the National Heritage Protection Service (until a new name is chosen) and will continue to use its statutory powers, advice, research and awareness-raising to protect England's heritage at large, working very closely with local government. She highlighted opportunities to engage the public more in heritage protection, particularly through the National Heritage List for England.

Ms Lamb invited members' feedback on the issues arising from the proposed changes and invited them to submit a response to the formal consultation when it is launched later on in the autumn.

Members thanked Ms Lamb for her very helpful update. Members said the proposed changes were an opportunity to embed even further the positive partnerships between English Heritage's planning and regulatory functions, and councils. Members also expressed concern about what would happen to the properties in the National Heritage Protection if the one-off lump sum was not enough. Ms Lamb said that properties will remain in public ownership and this is the ultimate safeguard.

Action

- The Culture, Tourism and Sport Board to submit a response to the English Heritage consultation when it is launched. This will include a proposal for the LGA and English Heritage to work together to test how the National Heritage Protection Service might best relate to councils.

**Laura
Caton**

3 Public Libraries and Welfare Reform

Members discussed the opportunities and challenges for public libraries from welfare reform. They noted that Ministers agreed that councils will have a central role to play in commissioning Universal Credit support services. Members also noted how the LGA is working with the government's Assisted Digital Scheme, the Department for Work and Pensions and the Society of Chief Librarians to ensure that the role of councils and the various internet access points they provide - including those in public libraries – are fully reflected in the Universal Credit delivery model. Members emphasised the need for central government to engage libraries as part of councils' wide face-to-face customer service offer (not just on welfare reform). Finally, Members' emphasised the need for library staff to be trained on the welfare reforms and raised concerns about the lack of broadband access in some areas, and the impact this might have on online Universal Credit applications.

Actions

- Lead members to discuss further and report back at November's Board meeting.

**Paul
Raynes/
Laura
Caton**

4 Magna Carta 800th Anniversary update

Members were updated on plans to celebrate the Magna Carta 800th Anniversary in 2015. During the discussion members highlighted the success of the 2012 Diamond Jubilee celebrations and the benefit of councils involving residents and volunteers,

and the vital role of councils involving communities in First World War commemorations from 2014.

Members agreed that the role of the Board should be to share with councils the shape of national and local plans.

Actions

- Invite Daniel Goodwin, LGA Director Finance & Policy, to November's CTS Board.
- Board Members were invited to share examples about how they are involving communities in events and activities to mark historic anniversaries.

**Donna
Hirsch**

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5 2013/14 CTS Work Programme

Members were invited to discuss and approve the draft 2013/14 CTS Work Programme.

Siraz Natha highlighted the improvement work being delivered with Sport England and the Arts Council. So far we have reached over 150 councillors. Siraz explained how the LGA is expanding its improvement offer by organising alumni events and action learning sets for councillors who have attended leadership academies and want to continue peer-to-peer learning.

Members expressed their strong support for the CTS improvement programme and its ability to support councillors to lead transformational change of culture, tourism and sport.

Members **agreed** the Work Programme.

Action

- Officers to compile a list of councillors appointed to Arts Council England five area hubs.
- CTS Board Chair to write to the councillors to congratulate them on their appointment and invite them to join an informal LGA network to share latest developments on cultural policy.

**Donna
Hirsch/
Laura
Caton**

6 Outside Bodies feedback from Members

Members provided feedback from recent meetings with Outside Bodies. Members were asked to note a slight amendment to the published papers, as the LGA/Arts Council England Cultural Leadership Academy will run from 4-5 December and Cllr Doreen Stephenson will also be speaking at this event.

Members also noted Sir William Lawrence's update on Tourism for All and this will be actioned by officers.

Members were informed that Cllr Rea is meeting Nick Bitel, Chair of Sport England on 27 September.

7 Update on current issues

Members noted the current issues paper.

8 Terms of reference and new membership

Members formally **agreed** its Terms of Reference and Membership for 2013/14.

9 Case Studies – making the most of heritage assets

Members noted the heritage case studies in the paper.

10 AOB

No additional points were raised.

Date of the next meeting: 1.00pm, Monday 25 November, Smith Square Rooms 1 & 2,
Local Government House