

Culture, Tourism and Sport Board

Agenda

Wednesday, 17 March 2021
1.00 pm

Online via Microsoft Teams

To: Members of the Culture, Tourism and Sport Board
cc: Named officers for briefing purposes

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There will be a meeting of the Culture, Tourism & Sport Board at **1.00 pm on Wednesday, 17 March 2021** Online via Microsoft Teams.

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Substitutes	
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Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 24 March 2021, 10.00 am, Online via Microsoft Teams

Note of last Culture, Tourism & Sport Board meeting

Title: Culture, Tourism & Sport Board
Date: Wednesday 20 January 2021
Venue: Online via Microsoft Teams

Attendance

An attendance list is attached as **Appendix A** to this note

Item	Decisions and actions	Action
1	Welcome, apologies and substitutes, declarations of interest and terms of reference The Chairman welcomed Members, officers, and guests to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Cllr Claire Coghill and Cllr Dhanisha Patel. Cllr David Jeffels and Cllr Karen Rampton attended the meeting as observers. No declarations of interest had been received.	
2	Minutes of the last meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2020 were agreed as an accurate record.	
3	Public Library Service Accreditation The Chairman invited Isobel Hunter, Chief Executive of Libraries Connected, and Lauren Lucas, Adviser, to introduce the report. Lauren introduced the which outlined the progress made to date on the Public Libraries Service Accreditation project and research findings. Board Members had previously determined that the LGA should sit on the Public Libraries Accreditation Board as an observer, rather than a full member. This was because of concerns raised by Lead Members and other Members of the CTS Board about the potential for library 'standards' to conflict with the LGA's position on the importance of sector-led improvement. Now that the shape of the project is more defined and in keeping with sector-led approaches, the LGA had again been invited to become a full member of the group. Isobel thanked Lauren for her dedication as an observer on the board and excellent contribution to the discussion representing the LGA's point of view and local government perspective. She stated that the Public Library Service Accreditation project was funded by Arts Council England and focused on English Public libraries. She explained the first and second	

phases of the project (consultation phase and design phase), what the phases had and would include and how the scheme might interact with LGA's improvement contract with Arts Council England, referring specifically to the well-received, effective peer review challenges.

Members made the following comments:

- How will this happen? Will all authorities bid and request the accreditation, or would it be spot-checked?
- If we are holding a national standard of accreditation of libraries, it is a very positive step forward. I have found that some authorities prefer quantity over quality, quality is very important.
- We're moving into a difficult area for libraries. The Conservative group are fully supportive of this project.
- Section 5 of the report refers to the monitoring of community need and digital policy. What work is being undertaken to ensure that children with limited access to I.T equipment are supported?
- With regards to the COVID-19 pandemic, to what extent is this framework being adapted to reflect the changing priorities that libraries have had over the last year?
- The feedback that one has been getting from professional libraries has been really positive. From my peer challenge experience and being heavily involved in putting forward various peer challenge exercises, what is clear is that this business of qualitative as well as quantitative assessment is very much welcomed and has been well-received. Can I suggest that we explore in depth the way in which the new qualitative assessment, its endorsement and new relationship could bring additionality to our investment into the library services that we currently run?

Isobel responded to the comments made by Members:

- There are 150 library services in England, one of the critical things to work out is what the incentive is for the scheme. We can learn valuable lessons from the archive and museum schemes and the incentivisation of services, the roll-out would be a phased-approach.
- In terms of how long the accreditation would last for, this is yet to be decided. One of our key principles is to ensure that the scheme is realistic and simple so that libraries are not burdened with paperwork.
- With regards to children and young people's access to I.T equipment, work was being undertaken to explore ways in which the library universal offer framework could help to shape this. The universal offer framework sets out the key areas that libraries should deliver against. I envisage that through accreditation libraries, we'll need to show how they're thinking about community needs and responding to digital inclusion.

- The challenge for the framework is to be flexible and scalable, it is difficult to create a core scheme that fits all different types of service. We need to time-proof the framework in these unprecedented times. At Libraries Connected, we've been talking about the future of libraries and a 3-part library service which has been accelerated due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so the physical service from the buildings will remain very important. We need to develop and grow the digital offer and address constraints.

Cllr Tom Hollis stated that, with the Chairman's indulgence, he would be very keen to support and represent the project's Board.

Decision:

Members noted the progress and the projected direction of the project and approved the LGA becoming a full member of the project's Board.

Action/s:

The LGA to accept full membership of the Steering Group. Cllr Tom Hollis to provide Board oversight of the work.

4 Communications and Public Affairs

The Chairman invited Sonika Sidhu, Principal Policy Adviser, and Hannah Berry, Head of Campaigns and Digital Communications, to introduce the report.

Sonika introduced the report which responded to Members' requests to further understand the reach and impact of the lobbying and communications work undertaken on behalf of the Board. The report outlined the significant areas of lobbying and communications work undertaken in 2020 to support the sector's response to COVID-19.

Sonika announced that David Holdstock had taken up a secondment role as Head of Communications at the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). Hannah Berry and Lee Bruce were acting up in his substantive role.

Hannah referred to the positive work that had been undertaken recently within Digital Communications and the impact that working collaboratively with policy colleagues to directly influence funding decisions and announcements had had. In terms of next steps, the Campaigns and Digital Communications team continued to work with colleagues across the organisation to monitor activity and prioritisation of messages.

Members made the following comments:

- This is an excellent report, it's great to see the results as well as the output. With reference to the letters that were sent to Rt Hon Oliver Dowden MP in 2020 regarding the future survival of leisure services and the recovery plan for the culture and tourism sectors, what have the responses been, if any? We need to start holding government accountable.

- Whilst it is imperative that we continue to share best practice and information, one of the key roles as a lobbying body is cross-party local government. We need to stress the challenges that we face in local government as decision-makers and we need to deploy who is speaking to ministers. We must lobby harder than we are and use the influences and connections that we've got.
- The report is very impressive with a great range of activities highlighted. However, there should be more information within the report with regards to impact, perhaps there is a need to undertake more work in digital. We need to work through our political channels, perhaps through shadow ministers as well as with ministers to strengthen impact and strengthen the involvement in relation to emotional and mental health and wellbeing.
- The COVID-19 pandemic, as well as cuts to funding has meant that many providers that deliver services are soon going to be wiped out, if they haven't already. Local government is a major funder in this country, and we need to highlight the critical difficulties that are happening within our communities and then lobby everyone that we can, especially government.
- This sector has enormous importance to the future health, wellbeing, and good governance of this country. Leisure, sport and culture is going to be vital to the COVID-19 recovery phase and to tackle some of the mental health issues that are arising both in adults and children.

Both the Chairman and Sonika reassured Members that a meeting would take place in early February between the LGA's Chairman and CTS Lead Members to discuss improving impact with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).

Decision:

Members noted the programme of lobbying and communications activity delivered during 2020.

Action/s:

Officers to report back to the Board once the LGA Chairman and CTS Lead Members had met to discuss improving impact with DCMS.

5 Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

The Chairman invited Ian Leete, Senior Adviser, to introduce the report.

Ian introduced the report which outlined the LGA's commitment to further embed equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) principles into practice. Key commitments included a selection of key information sources and EDI-related work in the CTS area. Ian added that the LGA had appointed Equalities Champions to each Board, Cllr Julian German had taken on the role on the CTS Board.

The Chairman invited Cllr Julian German, as the Board's Equalities Champion, to speak.

Cllr German stated that there were three key EDI-related areas in which the Board could add value:

1. Sharing best practice
2. Leadership
3. Through commissions (e.g.: Arts Council England, Sport England)

Members made the following comments:

- There is a vastly unequal representation across this sector in leadership, participants, access, and ability to participate in debate on issues which cut across our agenda. There have been a lot of battles recently regarding statues and reinterpretation of some of our English heritage, it's important that we look to modernise, without erasing history. With reference to Robert Jenrick's recent article related to British statues, it is vital that we address issues of this nature properly and involve everybody in such conversations going forward.
- I fully endorse this and support Cllr German's 3-point EDI plan, it is a very helpful and straight-forward direction of travel.
- It would be useful for future EDI reports to focus more closely on the diversity.
- We need to work together as a Board to identify specific groups within our communities that our services need to connect with and reach out to.

The Chairman suggested that officers raise concerns with the LGA's media team, and planning and cohesion colleagues, in preparation for lobbying work around the statues-related legislation.

Decision:

Members noted the report.

Action/s:

Officers to raise concerns with media team, and planning and cohesion colleagues, in preparation for lobbying work around the legislation.

Officers to include an 'Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion' section in all future board reports.

6 A Shared Vision for the future of Public Leisure Services

The Chairman invited Samantha Ramanah, Adviser, to introduce the report.

Samantha introduced the report which outlined the work being undertaken in partnership with the Association for Public Sector Excellent (APSE) and

the Culture and Leisure Officers Association (CLOA) to develop a shared vision for what the future of public leisure services could look like.

The Chairman stated that Public Leisure Services were at significant risk as cuts to local government funding continued. He emphasised the importance of informal activity and sport such as walking through gardens, fields, seaside promenades etc.

Members made the following comments:

- It would be good to incorporate community cohesion into the report because all of these facilities do enable communities to get together and interact with one another.
- In relation to the financial impact that the COVID-19 pandemic is having on leisure providers, could we perhaps get some figures so that people understand the enormity that the cuts have had to local government?
- We need to continue to lobby on the funding for the here and now for these services as well as look to the future.
- Leisure services percolate down into the health and wellbeing of the nation and this is something that should be a priority. We need to focus more closely on health and wellbeing, and informal activities that can encourage people to walk, get exercise, lengthen their lives, and improve their quality of life.

Samantha responded to the comments made by Members:

- In relation to lobbying government and the timescales, we're in the process of finalising the survey which is due to go out shortly after the LGA's Reimagining Public Leisure Services conference. The survey will inform further stakeholder engagement activities. We anticipate having some preliminary findings in the next couple of months. We are also working with our Parliamentary Affairs team on the House of Lords Committee enquiry regarding the National Sport and Recreation plan.

Decision:

Members noted the report.

Action/s:

Officers to submit a further update to the next Board meeting.

7 Tourism Levy

The Chairman invited Ian Leete to introduce the report.

Ian stated that Board members had requested an update on work to secure the power for local government to introduce a local tourism levy.

The decision to introduce a tourism levy was an executive decision, made in 2017. The discussions which had taken place at CTS Board meetings since the decision was taken had focused on what the narrative and the selling point was for the levy.

Members made the following comments:

- It is important that we continue to think about what else we can be doing as Members and as a Board to support the tourism industry. We should be lobbying government for more support financially for the industry as a whole and focusing on recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic has passed and the impact that the pandemic has had on businesses.
- In relation to VAT, we should do all that we can as a Board to persuade government to either low the present rate or continue the present rate of 5%.
- In terms of UK tourism and British people going to holidays within the UK, greeting them with an additional levy this coming summer is not a sensible idea in terms of economic recovery.
- We continue to have an underfunded tourism sector and unfortunately do not have the public money that we need and the flexibility to put money where it's needed.
- As the COVID-19 pandemic passes, we must support economies and businesses because there are a lot of different facets to tourism, and if we aren't careful, we could drive people away and lose people who will migrate to holiday destinations outside of the country. We need to give businesses the chance to survive.

Decision:

It was agreed unanimously by Members of the Board that the introduction of a local tourism levy should be put on hold until COVID-19 and EU Exit-related uncertainties became clearer.

8 Evaluation of Leadership Essentials Programmes

The Chairman invited Lauren Lucas and Samantha Ramanah to introduce the report.

Lauren introduced the report which outlined the actions that the Culture, Tourism and Sport Team were undertaking to evaluate Leadership Essentials aspects. Samantha provided an update in relation to Sport England.

Members made the following comments:

- A mixed delivery model blending online and face to face is a good way forward for the future. The value of face-to-face interactions as well as space and time for informal discussions and reflections is

valuable.

Decision:

Members noted the report.

9 LGA Culture and Tourism Conference 2021

The Chairman invited Lauren Lucas to introduce the report.

Lauren introduced the report and provided an update on planning of the Culture and Tourism conference 2021. The Board had previously agreed that in light of the restrictions associated with COVID-19, the event would take place in the form of online webinars over the course of three days. The topic would be the role of culture, tourism and sport in supporting a national recovery. The 1, 2 and 3 March 2021 had been identified for the events. Board members were invited to note initial plans for the webinars and confirmed speakers and to hold the proposed dates in their diaries.

The Chairman agreed to chair the tourism webinar and Cllr Peter Golds agreed to chair the sport webinar.

Lauren confirmed that Caroline Dinenage, Minister of State for Digital and Culture, was no longer able to attend the webinars but would send a pre-recorded message to be played in her absence.

Decision:

Members noted the report.

10 Any other business

None.

Annual CTS conference 2021

Purpose of report

For discussion.

Summary

Due to the pandemic, the flagship event for the Culture, Tourism and Sport Board was taken online and delivered across three days, allowing specific elements to focus on each part of the portfolio, and include the annual Hearts for the Arts Awards ceremony.

This paper sets out level of attendance at the online sessions, and invite reflections and feedback from event. Board members are also invited to consider any implications for the 2022 event.

Recommendation/s

That the Board reflect on their experiences with the online event(s) and provide a steer for development of the 2022 conference.

Action/s

Officers will incorporate feedback and thoughts into development of the 2022 conference.

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Annual CTS conference 2021

Background

1. The theme for this year's conference was the contribution of culture, tourism and sport services to recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.
2. The event was broken into four sessions across 1st – 3rd March.

Culture

3. The cultural session took place on 1 March and was chaired by Cllr Julian German.
4. Presenters included Caroline Dinenage MP, Minister for Arts, Culture and the Creative Industries via pre-recorded message; Sir Nicholas Serota, Chairman of Arts Council England; Caroline Norbury, Chief Executive of the Creative Industries Federation, and Cllr Jane Black, Cabinet Member for Cultural Economy at Bury Council, and Marie-Claire Daly, Principal at Greater Manchester Combined Authority.
5. The event was attended by 236 delegates.
6. Presentations, including the Minister's video, have been uploaded to the [LGA website](#).

Visitor Economy

7. The visitor economy session took place on 2 March and was chaired by Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson.
8. Presenters included Kate Nicholls, Chief Executive of UK Hospitality; Patricia Yates, Director of Strategy at VisitBritain; Cllr Barry Lewis, Leader of Derbyshire Council; and Tom Pridmore, Tourism Officer at Ribble Valley Council.
9. The event was attended by 207 delegates.
10. Presentations have been uploaded to the [LGA website](#).

Sport and physical activity

11. This session took place on 3 March and was chaired by Cllr Peter Golds.
12. Presenters included Tim Hollingsworth, Chief Executive of Sport England; Alison Oliver, Chief Executive of Youth Sport Trust, Lipa Nessa, Youth Ambassador for the Trust; Karime Hassan, Chief Executive of Exeter Council; and Cllr Dan Humphreys, Leader of Worthing and Adur Councils.
13. The event was attended by 188 delegates.

14. Presentations are now available on the [LGA website](#).

Hearts for the Arts Awards 2021

15. Cllr Clare Coghill chaired the Hearts for the Arts Awards on 3 March.

16. Celebrity guest stars included Samuel West, Actor and Director, Le Gateau Chocolat, Musical Phenomenon, Francesca Martinez, Comedian, and Paul Hartnell, Musician and Composer.

17. Awards were presented to Cllr Janet Emsley of Rochdale Council, Andy Dawson of Inspire Youth Arts, Mole Valley District Council, Haringey Council, and Wandsworth Arts Service. More information on the winners is available on the [Hearts for the Arts website](#).

18. 73 people attended the awards ceremony, which took place as a meeting rather than a conference, enabling attendees to see each other.

Statistics

19. In 2021, 704 bookings were received across all events, although this sometimes represented one delegate attending multiple sessions. In comparison, the 2020 and 2019 conferences attracted 104 delegates and 95 delegates respectively.

20. In total, 7.5 hours of content was provided in 2021. This included 2 hours dedicated to sport, which was not included in the main conference in 2020 and 2019. In contrast, the 2019 and 2020 conferences provided by 6 hours of content, including walking tours, but excluding the evening dinner.

Implications for Wales

21. Welsh authorities are able to attend.

Implications for inclusion, diversity and equality

22. Analysis of satisfaction surveys are still being analysed. However, the delegate lists indicate that delegates attended from more councils and from a wider geographic area than has been achieved at previous events.

Financial Implications

23. There were no financial costs associated with these events.

Next steps

24. Members are invited to reflect on the additional reach offered by online events, and the impact of losing networking opportunities and the chance to observe best practice through walking tours.

25. Officers will begin development on the 2022 conference in September 2021.

Support for Councils on Leisure Services

Purpose of report

For information.

Summary

This paper outlines ongoing work to support councils with the challenges facing their leisure services, including:

- The National Leisure Recovery Fund
- Rapid insourcing document
- The Future of Public Leisure research

Recommendation/s

That the Board note the report and provide local insight on further support required.

Action/s

Officers will work with partners to provide further support for the leisure sector.

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Support for Councils on Leisure Services

National Leisure Recovery Fund

1. The fund was intended to be soft launched on 7 December 2020 and officially launched for applications on 14 December, with expressions of interest closing on 16 December and final applications closing on 21 December.
2. The launch of the fund was delayed until 14 December. In light of this, the LGA lobbied Sport England and Ministers to extend the application process, reflecting the Christmas period. An extension to the expressions of interest was given until 21 December, and final applications until 8 January.
3. 100% of eligible councils had submitted their expressions of interest by 21 December.
4. Following the announcement of Tier 4 and the ramifications for councils, the LGA made the case for a still longer application period and on 23 December 2020, Sport England confirmed that Ministers had extended the application date to 15 January 2021. The LGA communicated this through its bulletins, twitter, and WhatsApp group for sports leads.
5. On 15 January, Sport England confirmed that the funding could also now be used to cover costs associated with the new national lockdown. This followed requests from councils and the LGA.
6. By the time the fund closed, 100% of eligible councils had submitted a completed applications form.
7. Applications are being assessed on a first come basis, to ensure that those councils that are most in need and who met the first set of deadlines were not disadvantaged. It is expected that these councils should receive their first tranches of money in the week commencing 1st February.
8. The LGA has continued to engage with Sport England on the development of the evaluation and monitoring tools for the Fund. The LGA's Senior Adviser and Head of Research have met three times with the Sport England team developing this tool.
9. Initial concerns were that a resource heavy approach was being taken to monitor a comparatively small amount of money. Sport England outlined the free online tool they are making available, which will have significantly wider benefits in terms of understanding and articulating the social value of leisure facilities at both a local and national level.
10. The LGA has therefore worked with Sport England to more effectively articulate these wider benefits and present it as a positive development in understanding the sector. The

platform will also incorporate elements of the LGA's LG Inform, enabling councils to compare their performance with comparable authorities.

11. LGA feedback has also led to some more ambitious elements of data collection, although important to achieve in the long term, being separated out and planned over a longer period of time.
12. We continue to share local intelligence about risks to leisure centres with Sport England, as part of our collective work to secure further emergency investment in the sector.
13. Some councils have fed back that the latest change to what the money can be spent on is causing them some problems and taking time to recalculate, and this information has been passed on to Sport England.

Rapid insourcing document

14. In light of the intense pressures on leisure trusts, and reflecting that several trusts have collapsed or had to be taken back in house, we are developing a quick reference tool to support councils faced with imminent collapse of their provider and having to insource their provision, at least temporarily.
15. The guide is about supporting councils who find themselves in a state of emergency. It is designed to help the council re-mobilise their leisure services and complete the transfer of the service from their leisure provider to the council. The guide is not intended to instruct or encourage councils whose provider is stable to bring leisure services back in house. It is therefore important that the guide is written in this spirit and complements our existing advice note on ["Options for councils in supporting leisure providers through COVID-19"](#).
16. The LGA has developed a short outline of the issues and actions that we believe need to be included, in consultation with council and trust officers. The supplier will be expected to develop this further, using their own knowledge and expertise to identify and fill any gaps, including consultation and testing with council and trust officers as part of their proposal.
17. The work is intended to be finished by end of April 2021.

The Future of Public Leisure research

18. The future landscape for leisure provision is exceedingly challenging from a financial perspective. This has led to significant discussion and scrutiny at senior levels of councils, including Chief Executives and leaders. As a result, councils have reflected on the reason for providing leisure services, and determined the benefits that accrue to their communities from doing so.

19. While this reaffirmation of local governments commitment to leisure delivery is positive, some additional thought leadership is required to help councils understand how delivery in the future may look different from delivery pre-pandemic, both as a result of changing customer expectations and behaviours, and from a more financially challenging environment.

20. This research commission was launched at our [Reimagining the future of public leisure conference](#) on 21 January 2021 and aims to provide some of this thought leadership.

Working with CLOA and APSE, we have provided a grant to provide a rounded assessment of the current challenges facing local authorities because of the COVID-19 pandemic and assess how this may fundamentally affect the future shape of Sport and Leisure services.

21. The research piece and subsequent report will provide essential intelligence that can help inform and positively influence the future direction of sport and leisure services as part of the wider physical activity system and its' contribution to placemaking.

22. Survey responses have currently been received from over 200 councils and providers, and will inform a series of scheduled roundtables, covering portfolio holders and leaders, chief executives, Directors of Public Health, and frontline providers.

23. The final research publication is due for completion in June, and a launch event is being developed.

Implications for Wales

24. The National Leisure Recovery Fund is an England-only fund. The principles of the insourcing document and the future of public leisure research will also be relevant to Welsh authorities.

Implications for inclusion, diversity and equality

25. The evaluation of the National Leisure Recovery Fund will include some more granular data on use by different parts of the community. However, this requires fundamental changes and improvements in the way that councils and providers collect this data, and is part of the work that has been postponed until there is more capacity within local government.

26. We know that some forecast leisure centre closures are located in lower income or BAME communities. The insourcing publication will provide a small increase in probability that the council will be able to retain these facilities if the provider withdraws from the contract.

27. The Future of Public leisure consultation work includes specific questions about inequality, diversity and improving accessibility of services.

Financial Implications

28. The National Leisure Recovery Fund work has no cost implication for the LGA.

29. The rapid insourcing document has been allocated £8000 from the CTS policy budget.

30. The Future of Public Leisure research has been allocated £4000 from the CTS policy budget through APSE as the lead partner.

Next steps

31. The contract for the rapid insourcing document will be awarded on 30 March.

32. The Future of Public Leisure consultation closes at the end of March, with roundtables running through until end of April.

Outside Bodies

Purpose of report

For discussion.

Summary

This report has two parts:

- A - CTS Outside Bodies Background and Appointments Process 2020/21
- B - Report back on member meetings since 20 January 2021.

Recommendations

That the members of the Culture, Tourism and Sport Board:

1. Agree the list of outside bodies.
2. Agree appointments to outside bodies.

Action

Officers to take forward actions.

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Outside Bodies

A - CTS Outside Bodies Background and Appointments Process 2020/21

Background

- 1 The Board terms of references says the Culture, Tourism and Sport Board may:
 - 1.1 Appoint members to relevant outside bodies in accordance with the Political Conventions.
 - 1.2 Appoint member champions and spokespersons from the Board to lead on key issues.

Appointments process

- 2 Members may put themselves forward to represent the LGA on specific subjects or on outside bodies. Members wishing to do this should approach their lead member, who will be responsible for putting their name forward to the Board.
- 3 Lead members will discuss nominations at their first meeting. If there is more than one nomination for the role, a vote of the Lead members will be held, with a casting vote by the Board Chair if necessary.
- 4 Outside bodies and champion roles must, as far as possible, be split equally between parties, in accordance with the political conventions of the LGA. Where there are odd numbers of roles, or a new role is added during the Board year, first chance to fill the role will be offered to those parties that hold the fewest roles – although they may choose not to nominate to that role.
- 5 The Board may also choose to appoint someone to a role due to their particular expertise, irrespective of party; appointments made for this reason should be agreed by all lead members.
- 6 The LGA does not provide expenses for costs associated with Champion or outside body roles. Some outside bodies may cover these costs directly and members may recover their costs from these.

B – Report back on member meetings since 20 January 2021

- **London Marathon Charitable Trust (Cllr Richard Henry)** - There has been a review of the structure and boards of LMCT and the delivery company London Marathon Events with a new structure now implemented. The London Marathon is now scheduled to take place on Sunday 3rd October with huge interest both nationally and internationally. We are constantly reviewing the Covid situation and hope to deliver other events as and when we can.

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