

## Note of last Culture, Tourism & Sport Board meeting

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<b>Title:</b>	Culture, Tourism & Sport Board
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 27 October 2016
<b>Venue:</b>	Smith Square 1&2, Ground Floor, Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

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### Attendance

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

Item	Decisions and actions	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b>  The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and listed apologies.  There were no declarations of interest.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Sport England Strategy Implementation</b>  Siraz Natha, Adviser, introduced the item, updating members on the progress of Sport England Strategy. The LGA were working to ensure that councils would feature in the strategy, and to encourage a rebalance of funding from the central to the local level. Officers would look at where local government could play a part in investment priorities.  In tiers introduced from a new Sports Governance Code of Practice, local authorities would be placed in tier 1 (automatically deemed to have meet the criteria for funding). Local authorities would be in a position to receive Park Life football Programme funding, and although there were minimum population requirements for this, smaller councils could apply for funding if they grouped with other areas.  He asked members to raise any issues from a local government perspective for the 'asks/offer' list at Annex A.  The following points were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Health and Wellbeing Boards (especially those working on physical activity) were suggested as partners in this area. Concerns were raised about areas of responsibility which had not been identified in the strategy.</li><li>• Members asked for clarification on whether grant money would be awarded to volunteers or councils. Officers advised that the strategy was unclear on this as yet.</li><li>• There were concerns that plans to invest £72 million in football</li></ul>	

focused on major cities (due to the population requirement), thereby leaving out smaller towns. Although the scheme allowed smaller councils to partner with other areas to apply for funding, members expressed concern that there were limited resources to set up partnerships.

- Members suggested that opportunities to make sports facilities in schools open to the public should be captured in the strategy.
- Members asked for more information on the funding tiers.
- Regarding point 13.4, members suggested that funding for sport needed to vary and focus on more than football.
- As the strategy did not provide for those under 5, members emphasised the need to provide for those under this age. It was suggested that Sport England should be made aware of the Early Years Programme.

**Decision:**

1. Officers to proceed with work as directed by members.

**Action:**

1. Officers to circulate details of Leadership Essential Programmes.

### **3 Culture, Tourism and Sport Conference 2017 Update**

Ian Leete, Senior Adviser, introduced the item, advising members of progress with the arrangements for the CTS Conference 2017. The time of the board meeting was confirmed as from 16:00-18:00 on the final day of the conference (23<sup>rd</sup> Feb).

The Chair asked members to confirm whether they would attend, and for a volunteer to host the conference dinner.

Members raised the following points:

- There was concern that there were four walking tours and no provision for those with limited mobility.
- It was suggested that the SS Great Eastern should be considered as a tour venue.
- Members expressed concern about the timing of the conference, as this clashed with many council annual budget meetings. However, the difficulty of finding a time which did not clash with other events was acknowledged.
- Concern was also expressed over the time of the board meeting, as the finishing time would create difficulties for some members to return home by public transport.

**Decision:**

1. Members noted the report.

**Actions:**

1. Officers to look into the walking tours and ensure there is an option for those with mobility difficulties.
2. Officers to look at the possibility of attending Great Eastern in Bristol for tours/a meal.

#### **4 Outside Bodies and Recent Activity**

Members noted the report and made the following comments:

- There was an error noted in the British Destinations table, as Cllr Knight should be included as the representative. MSO to correct.
- Cllr Organ updated the board on the last meeting of the Tourism Alliance Board, advising members that the TA were considering their position in relation to the EU Exit.
- Cllr Knight updated members on the work of British Destinations.
- Cllr Abbott updated members on the work of the British Board of Film Classification, advising that the board were currently working on the regulation of offensive language and changing attitudes towards this.
- The Chair requested that representatives on outside bodies forward minutes of meetings to the MSO to be included in board paperwork.

**Decision:**

1. Members noted the report.

**Actions:**

1. MSO to correct error on the outside bodies paper (detailed above).
2. Minutes of outside body meetings to be forwarded to MSO to be included in board paperwork.

#### **5 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were **agreed** as an accurate summary of the discussion.

## **6 Libraries Update**

Ian Leete, Senior Adviser, introduced the item, advising members that the Minister had now approved the libraries ambition document and officers would circulate this to members for comment when it was published.

In the discussion which followed, members made the following points:

- Rather than focusing on statutory provision for libraries, it was suggested there would be benefit in looking at examples of best practice which had worked. Local authorities were addressing problems with a wide variety of models.
- There was a discussion on whether the taskforce had taken into account the problems libraries might face in ten to twenty years' time, as fewer young people were reading books. Strategies to encourage children to read more were discussed.
- Members highlighted the symbolic value of libraries for communities and that proposed closure had been met with sharp resistance.
- Rural areas and access to digital facilities were discussed. Mobile libraries were still needed.
- There was concern that the ambition document needed to be delivered practically and conclusions should become actions.
- Members discussed solutions for finding the capacity in communities to sustain libraries.
- Members raised concerns over the framework mentioned in paragraph 8. It was felt the document should support different mechanisms rather than offer a prescribed framework.

### **Decision:**

1. Members noted the reports.

### **Action:**

1. Officers to take forward work as directed by members.
  - a) Annex A

## **7 LGA Brexit Update and CTS Priorities**

Eamon Lally, Principal Policy Adviser, introduced the item. The report set out the priorities the LGA Leadership Board would consider on the impact of Brexit for local government. A task and finish group had been set up to consider these issues. Paragraph 39 listed the areas for focus and members were asked to comment on these.

In the discussion which followed, members made the following points:

- The concerns of cultural groups on freedom of movement and difficulties with engaging European artists if laws were changed were discussed. It was suggested that members feedback any discussion from outside body meetings on this point.
- Members suggested holding a round table session with partner organisations on Brexit, and making the collective case for devolved powers as they returned from the EU.
- The collective sale of TV and media rights and the opportunity to have a discussion with government on agreeing a different settlement was discussed.
- Tourism in the UK had increased due to the decreased value of sterling. Members highlighted the need to talk to Visit England and the Tourism Board about this opportunity. Tourists should not have difficulty obtaining visas, since this would reduce numbers.
- Members asked the time scale for raising issues on Brexit. Officer advised that they would be building up an evidence base between now and March.

### **Decision**

1. Members noted the report.

### **Action**

1. A lead member roundtable session with partner organisations to be set up to make the collective case for devolved powers returning from the EU.

## **8 Any Other Business**

It was agreed that Cllr Colin Organ would send information from the Church Review Panel meeting to the MSO. The Chair asked Cllr Organ to attend any future meetings on this.

Members were advised that the joint publication with CLOA was in development and would be published in the New Year. It would be circulated then.

## **Appendix A -Attendance**

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr Ian Stephens	Isle of Wight Council
Vice-Chairman	Cllr Simon Henig CBE	Durham County Council
Deputy-chairman	Cllr Mike Bell	North Somerset Council
Members	Cllr Paul Bettison OBE	Bracknell Forest Borough Council
	Cllr Geraldine Carter	Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
	Cllr Tom Fitzpatrick	North Norfolk District Council
	Cllr Peter Golds CBE	Tower Hamlets Council
	Cllr Barry Lewis	Derbyshire County Council
	Cllr Colin Organ	Gloucester City Council
	Cllr Greg Smith	Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council
	Cllr Terry O'Neill	Warrington Council
	Cllr Sonja Crisp	City of York Council
	Cllr Faye Abbott	Coventry City Council
	Cllr Muhammed Butt	Brent Council
	Cllr Alice Perry	Islington Council
	Cllr Richard Henry	Stevenage Borough Council
	Cllr Geoff Knight	Lancaster City Council
	Cllr Stewart Golton	Leeds City Council
Apologies	Mark Allman	