

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

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**Title:** Culture, Tourism & Sport Board  
**Date:** Monday 3 March 2014  
**Venue:** Portsmouth Guildhall, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO1 2AB

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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>Note of Last Meeting and Matters Arising</b>  The note from the last meeting was approved.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Portsmouth's Cultural Offer</b>  Claire Looney, the Partnership and Commissioning Manager in the City Development and Cultural Services department at Portsmouth City Council addressed the Board in place of Cllr Lee Hunt.  Claire spoke about Portsmouth's cultural offer and their ambitions for the visitor economy. She mentioned the newly built Mary Rose Museum and the city's joint bid with Southampton to be the City of Culture. The ambition for the future is to attract more visitors and turn day-trippers into overnight visitors.  Claire also mentioned some of Portsmouth's main challenges. This includes below average literacy and numeracy figures which is partly being tackled through an ambitious new libraries programme drawing on Portsmouth's legacy of Charles Dickens and Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes.  The Chair thanked Claire for her informative presentation and for the tremendous support of the City Council in hosting the LGA's conference.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Collaboration between museums</b>  The Chair thanked Independent Group colleagues for suggesting this agenda item, and welcomed Diane Lees, Chair of the National Museum Directors' Council and Director of the Imperial War Museum.  Diane began by outlining the financial challenges faced by museums of all sizes. While investment in past years has made a huge difference to regional museums, the problem now is maintaining and growing this.  Diane reported that museums have moved beyond collection loans. While loans	

are still important, museums are also managing their collections more effectively and finding ways to permanently enhance their materials. They are also better at skill-sharing.

Finally, Diane spoke about the potential for national museums to coordinate wider sector engagement, giving the example of the First World War centenary partnership and the digital project the Imperial War Museum is running involving regional and local museums across the country.

Members raised the following points:

- The importance of museums of all sizes for the visitor economy.
- The need to support smaller museums to build capacity around promoting their offer.
- The difficulties some smaller museums face when trying to secure loans from large museums and challenges with the Government Indemnity Scheme.
- Issues around charging admission.

#### **Actions**

- Cllr Martin to follow-up challenges on the Government Indemnity Scheme with officers.

**Laura Caton**

#### **4 2014 Culture, Tourism and Sport Conference Briefing**

Members noted the briefing.

#### **5 Outside bodies feedback from Members**

Members noted the report. Sir William Lawrence gave an oral report on the meeting of the BBFC Consultative Council.

#### **6 Update on Current Issues**

Members noted the report.

#### **7 AOB**

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
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	Cllr Isobel Bowler	Sheffield City Council
	Cllr Sonja Crisp	City of York Council
	Cllr Peter Golds	Tower Hamlets Council
	Sir William Lawrence Bt	Stratford-on-Avon District Council
	Cllr Mrs Amanda Martin	Council of the Isles of Scilly
	Cllr Mrs Doreen Stephenson	East Lindsey District Council
Apologies	Cllr Caitlin Bisknell	High Peak Borough Council
	Cllr Simon Blackburn	Blackpool Council
	Cllr Tom Fitzpatrick	North Norfolk District Council
	Cllr Christopher Knowles-Fitton	Craven District Council
	Cllr Terry O'Neill	Warrington Council
	Cllr David Phillips	Swansea City and County Council
LGA Officers	Laura Caton, Siraz Natha, Donna Davidson	