

Note of last Culture, Tourism & Sport Board meeting

Title:	Culture, Tourism & Sport Board
Date:	Tuesday 1 July 2014
Venue:	Smith Square 3&4, Ground Floor, Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

Attendance

An attendance list is attached as [Appendix A](#) to this note

Item	Decisions and actions	Action
1	Welcome and Apologies	
	The Board extended its congratulations to Cllr Andrew Lewer in his new role as MEP.	
2	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising - draft minutes attached	
	The note of the last meeting was approved.	
3	LGA-led Betting Commission - report attached	
	Ellie Greenwood (LGA senior adviser on Regulation), gave a brief overview of progress made by the LGA Betting Commission. This was established in April following meetings between Cllr Tony Page (the LGA licensing champion), LGA officials, and representatives from the major commercial organisations in the betting shop industry.	
	The commission has met twice and is expected to hold its final meeting in September where it hopes to agree a framework for local engagement and partnership working between councils and industry, including a mechanism by which local authorities can escalate concerns to a national level.	
	In addition the Commission has already given its support to the LGA to update the Gambling Act handbook which is now four years old.	
	It has not proved possible through the Commission to reach a voluntary agreement on issues relating to clustering, largely due to differing opinions within industry on the desirability of this and the practical implications of competition law restrictions. Councils wishing to address this issue will need evidence outlining the community impacts of betting shops, and a number of authorities are already trying to map this. On FOBTs, an extensive piece of research on FOBTs is currently underway and due to conclude in October.	

Despite this the LGA made some progress in discussions with DCMS by securing a series of limited measures to address community concerns about the impact of the high street gambling industry, including a planning consultation which proposes a new planning use class for betting shops. These are set out in paragraph 16 of the report.

The board was asked to:

- Provide a steer on whether the commission should continue to lobby for a palette of powers and amendments (as set out in paragraph 30), or channel its energies on a single solution;
- Comment on the current emphasis on powers to manage premises in relation to FOBTs;
- Provide officers with local examples of effective engagement with betting premises or with other industries that could serve as a template; and
- Nominate a representative to be involved in the update of the Gambling Act handbook.

Action

Members to pass their views, on the points above, to Ellie Greenwood.

Decision

Members noted the update.

4 Evaluation 2014 Culture, Tourism and Sport Conference - report attached

Members noted the success of the event, in terms of numbers attending and income received and the delegate survey which will be fed into planning for the 2015 conference in Durham on 3 and 4 March.

5 Review of 2013/14 and priorities for 2014/15 - report attached

Laura Caton provided a brief overview of the report that set out the Board's achievements over the past year and proposals for its priorities and key areas of work in the coming year.

Following members' comments, the second part would form the basis of a more detailed work programme to deliver these priorities for discussion and agreement at the Board meeting in September.

The discussion by members resulted in the following actions:

- i. That the proposed work programme is more explicit about the need to encourage LEPs to take account of CTS strategies;
- ii. That in connection with the proposed work programme around supporting councils to play a key role in the Magna Carta anniversary

celebrations (para 29), the Chair should write to both the Secretary of State and the Chairman of the Magna Carta Committee requesting urgent discussions to ensure that local authorities are fully engaged in the development of national plans (and vice versa). This is necessary to ensure consistency of messages, and that local and national celebrations as a whole will be integrated in such a way as to be better than their constituent parts; and

- iii. Officers to circulate a brief about the work already undertaken by the LGA in support of local authorities' contribution to securing community engagement in Magna Carta 800.

Action

Officers to respond accordingly to the actions above

6 Current Issues paper - report attached

Members noted the report.

7 Outside Bodies - report attached

Members noted the report.

8 Improving lives through reading: How the Reading Agency is working with councils

Sue Wilkinson (CEX) provided an overview of the work of the Reading Agency and gave members a summary of the work currently underway to develop a new strategy for the organisation.

Sue invited members to comment on both the strategy development work and to propose further areas where Local Authorities and the Reading Agency could co-operate to achieve shared outcomes in relation to the wellbeing of individuals and communities.

Action

Members to send any comments and suggestions to Laura Caton who will then collate and pass on to Sue Wilkinson accordingly.

Decision

Members noted the report from Sue

9 Any Other Business

10 Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 16 September 2014

Smith Square 1 and 2, Local Government House, Smith Square, London
SW1P 3HZ

Appendix A -Attendance

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr Flick Rea MBE	Camden Council
Vice-Chairman	Cllr Simon Henig	Durham County Council
Deputy-chairman	Cllr Geoff Knight	Lancaster City Council
Members	Cllr Mrs Doreen Stephenson Sir William Lawrence Bt Cllr Roger Begy OBE Cllr Peter Golds Cllr Tom Fitzpatrick Cllr David Phillips Cllr Simon Blackburn Cllr Terry O'Neill Cllr Mike Bell Cllr Mrs Amanda Martin	East Lindsey District Council Stratford-on-Avon District Council Rutland County Council Tower Hamlets Council North Norfolk District Council Swansea City and County Council Blackpool Council Warrington Council North Somerset Council Council of the Isles of Scilly
Apologies	Cllr Andrew Lewer MBE Cllr Caitlin Bisknell Cllr Sonja Crisp	Derbyshire County Council High Peak Borough Council City of York Council