

Culture, Tourism and Sport Board – Report from Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE (Chair)

Culture, heritage, and libraries

1. On 8 December I joined Baroness Lola Young, Lord Parkinson, and other Commissioners from our Commission on Culture and Local Government to launch the '[Cornerstones of culture](#)' report, which draws together the findings of the Commission alongside recommendations for how councils, government, and cultural partners can work together to make an enormous difference to their communities on health, economic growth, social mobility and skills, and pride in place. We were joined by over 150 delegates on the day and the report has been widely downloaded. These recommendations will direct the work of the CTS Board for several years to come.
2. I met with Baroness Liz Sanderson on 27 October to discuss her new role in gathering evidence to inform the forthcoming Government strategy for libraries. The LGA is one of only three organisations that will be invited to all roundtables, alongside Arts Council England and Libraries Connected.
3. On 8 November, Cllr Phil Seeva represented the Board before the House of Lords Digital Communications committee, outlining the work of councils in supporting the creative industries to flourish and grow.
4. I was interviewed on BBC's Front Row about museums and rising costs on 9 November. On 21 November I was quoted by BBC online about the risks to libraries despite a rise in users.
5. On 12 December, Cllr Peter Golds chaired the 'Learning from the Summer Reading Challenge' webinar, in partnership with the Reading Agency.

Sport, physical activity, and parks

6. Cllr Peter Golds met with Stuart Andrew MP, Minister for Sport, at one of the Minister's first meetings with the Sport sector. Cllr Golds outlined the critical role of councils in supporting people to be active and the Minister has agreed to attend the next CTS Board meeting on 1st February.

Tourism and the Visitor Economy

7. Cllr Chris White spoke at the Tourism Conference on 15 November about the [LGA's call for better regulation of short term lets](#).

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