

Outside Bodies

Purpose of report

For discussion.

Summary

This report has two parts:

- A - CTS outside bodies background and appointments process 2023/24
- B - Report back on member meetings and appointments to outside bodies.

Is this report confidential? Yes No

Recommendation/s

That the Board Members:

- 1. note part A - CTS Outside Bodies Background and Appointments Process for 2023/24; and**
- 2. note part B – Report back on member meetings and appointments to outside bodies.**

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A - CTS Outside Bodies Background and Appointments Process 2023/24

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.

Appointment 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 the last Board meeting and appointments to outside bodies

CTS Board Outside Body representation:

- Tourism Alliance – currently Cllr Chris White (LIB DEM)
- Former 'London Marathon Charitable Trust' (LMCT), now 'London Marathon Foundation' – currently Cllr Richard Henry (LAB)
- Coastal SIG – currently Cllr David Jeffels (CON)
- Library champion – currently Cllr Julie Jones-Evans (IND)
- Creative Industries Council – currently Cllr Phil Seeva (CON)
- Chiles, Webster, Batson Commission – currently Cllr Shabir Pandor (Chair) (LAB)
- Improvement Lead – currently Cllr Michael Graham (LAB)

Updates since the last Board meeting:

London Marathon Foundation (update from Cllr Richard Henry):

The London Marathon Group's restructure has recently come to an end. What was formally the 'London Marathon Charitable Trust' is now the 'London Marathon Foundation' and along with London Marathon Events form the London Marathon Group. A number of trustees will be retiring, and clear terms of office are now in place. New trustees have been appointed to better reflect the diversity of the UK. Following the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Marathon has resumed its usual April space in the event calendar. This year's event had almost 50,000 participants and was hugely successful.

Tourism Alliance (update from Cllr Chris White):

The following topics came up at a recent Tourism Alliance Board meeting:

- Statutory registration of short-term lets: the government consultation has been embraced, despite it not being a regulation system as such (i.e. one which would allow action to be taken against 'bad actors').
- Change in short-term lets planning classes: there was a feeling that there was an urgent need for short-term lets as an alternative to hotels classes for certain workers away on assignments.
- Defunding of tourism education: funding for existing courses is ending, although there is supposed to be a new system on its way.
- Martyn's Law which outlines the minimum requirements expected of responsible persons of premises for the evaluation and assessment of terrorism risk: there is a draft Bill which could affect all premises which can take more than 100 customers (which is most hospitality premises); those which can take more than 800 would potentially be subject to much tighter legislation.