

Culture, Tourism and Sport Board – Report from Cllr Liz Green (Chair)

Culture

1. Cllr Liz Green met with the Showmen's Guild on the 7 November 2023, to discuss the contribution of funfairs to local areas and their relationship with councils.
2. She met with Baroness Scott of Needham Park in her role as a non-executive member of the Board of The National Archives (TNA) on the 16 January 2024, to discuss the partnership between the LGA and TNA and support for local public archive services.
3. In January 2024, she contributed [a think piece to an LGA series of articles](#), exploring how culture and leisure can support children's mental health.
4. Cllr Julie Jones-Evans attended the launch of the Government response to Baroness Sanderson's Independent Review of Library Services.

Sport

5. On 24 October 2024 Cllr Green gave oral evidence at the Culture, Media and Sport Committee on Women's sport, giving evidence on the financial pressures facing the service and examples of good practice where councils are engaging women and girls to engage in activity and tackle inequalities.
6. Cllr Green gave the keynote speech at the Why Sports annual conference on 25 October 2023. It focused on local government's contribution to unlocking the potential of the sport and leisure sector to support wider policy agendas for reducing the burden on the NHS and social care, getting more people active and creating a fit and healthy workforce, place shaping and economic development.
7. Cllr Green attended the second meeting of the National Physical Activity Taskforce on 12 December 2023, its role is to provide oversight and track progress made on the Government's new sport strategy. The taskforce discussed the latest Children and Young People's Active Survey results. The latest data demonstrates activity levels remain stable but there has not been an increase in activity levels compared to last year. More Black and Asian children and young people are inactive and the gap has widened over the past 5 years.
8. Cllr Peter Golds attended a UKactive health summit, discussing how to pivot leisure services towards a wellbeing service, reducing the pressure on social care and the NHS.



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