

Note of last Culture, Tourism & Sport Board meeting

Title: Culture, Tourism & Sport Board
Date: Tuesday 2 December 2014
Venue: Room S, Portcullis House, Bridge Street, London SW1A 2LW

Attendance

An attendance list is attached as **Appendix A** to this note

Item	Decisions and actions	Action
1	<p>Welcome and declarations of interest</p> <p>The Chair welcomed members to the board meeting and thanked Lord Bew for joining them.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were made.</p>	
2	<p>Notes from the last meeting</p> <p>Members approved the minutes of the last meeting.</p> <p>Members noted that a response had not yet been received from the Culture Secretary of State following Cllr Rea's letter regarding the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta.</p> <p>Post Meeting note: The Secretary of State's response is attached at <u>Annex A</u> and officers are following up with the Ministry of Justice.</p> <p>Cllrs Crisp, Organ and Henig requested that the attendance be amended to show they were present at the meeting.</p>	
3	<p>Magna Carta 800th and the 750th Montfort Parliament anniversaries Lord Bew, Co-Chair of the Speakers' Advisory Group for the 2015 Anniversaries, and Caterina Loriggio, 2015 Anniversaries-Senior Parliamentary Campaign Manager</p> <p>Lord Bew welcomed the members of the Culture, Tourism and Sport Board to Portcullis House and thanked them for their support. The Speaker's Advisory Group is working to ensure that the 800th Anniversary of the Magna Carta has as much impact as possible.</p> <p>Lord Bew said that both the Magna Carta and the De Montfort Parliament anniversaries are critical dates to celebrate as they are central to the evolution of our democracy. These anniversaries raise issues of national and local concern that, it is hoped; encourage discussions of rights, freedom and representation.</p>	

Caterina Loriggio, Senior Parliamentary Campaign Manager, discussed the role of her team in increasing public awareness and understanding of parliament and special anniversaries, working with Councils across the country.

Following the presentation, members discussed the opportunity to engage the whole country in the Magna Carta anniversary and supported the suggestion that LiberTeas (celebrations based on the 2012 street party model) was an excellent way to secure this wider engagement. Members also said that early communications was important.

Action

Copies of the presentation slides to be circulated to board members.

4 Culture, Local Enterprise Partnerships and driving growth

Laura Caton introduced the report which provided an analysis of the extent to which culture and the visitor economy feature on LEP agendas.

Culture, Tourism and Sport has good coverage on LEP agendas. This is improved in areas where there is a tangible asset and is patchier in Strategic Economic Plans because centrally imposed funding criteria prioritise transport, housing and infrastructure.

Members discussed the situation in their local areas and focused on ways to increase strategic recognition of Culture, Tourism and Sport such as working closely with the Treasury, DCLG and the LGA Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Board.

In particular, members raised:

- The importance of culture in and of itself being championed by LEPs
- The impact of VAT on the industry
- The need for best practice guidance on LEPs support of the visitor economy

Decision

Members **agreed** the next steps at paragraph 16 of the report.

Action

Officers to take forward the next steps in their work with LEPs.

5 William Sieghart's Review of Public Libraries

Members discussed the latest situation ahead of the publication of Mr Sieghart's review of public libraries.

6 Culture, Tourism and Sport Conference 2015

Laura Caton introduced the report, which gave an update on the upcoming CTS Annual Conference.

Members discussed the addition of the Study Tours and speakers.

The Chair asked all board members to promote the annual conference to colleagues and peers. The Board thanked staff at the LGA and in Durham for their work in arranging annual conference.

Decision

Members **noted** the report.

7 Update on Physical activity and driving health

Siraz Natha introduced the report which provided an update to members on the work being done, both locally and nationally, to create a physical activity legacy following the 2012 games.

Sport England has reported that the number of people undertaking 30 minutes of physical activity once a week has increased by 1.7 million since 2005. Councils are at the centre of driving increases in participation.

Members discussed:

- Portfolio Holders events with Sport England
- The 'Moving More, Living More' initiative
- Public Health England Roadshows
- Leadership Essentials programmes.

Members also took the opportunity to share best practice in their local areas.

Decision

Members **noted** the report.

Action

Members are encouraged to bring forward best practice from their local areas so that this information can be shared with the sector.

8 Outside Bodies: feedback from Members

Laura Caton introduced the report which provided an update to members on meetings of outside bodies and taken by members since the last Board and until the end of the year.

Decisions

Members **noted** the report.

Members **noted** that the date of the Chair's meeting with Ed Vaizey MP,

Culture Minister, will take place on 14 January 2015.

9 Current issues paper

Siraz Natha introduced the report which provided updates on tourism and visitor economy, heritage, broadband and digital inclusion and sport and physical activity.

Members discussed the LGA submission to the Historic England draft Corporate Plan.

Decision

Members **noted** the report.

10 CLOA Case studies paper- First World War commemorations

Laura Caton introduced the report which detailed case studies of activities undertaken by councils to commemorate the First World War.

Members discussed the case studies in the report and further examples of commemoration from their local areas.

Decision

Members noted the report.

Action

Members are encouraged to bring forward best practice from their local areas so that this information can be shared with the sector via the LGA.

11 Any other business

There was no other business.

Appendix A -Attendance

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr Ian Stephens	Isle of Wight Council
Vice-Chairman	Cllr Simon Henig	Durham County Council
Deputy-Chairman	Cllr David Burbage MBE	Windsor & Maidenhead Royal Borough
	Cllr Flick Rea MBE	Camden Council
Members	Cllr Barrie Grunewald	St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council
	Cllr Terry O'Neill	Warrington Council
	Cllr David Phillips	Swansea City and County Council
	Cllr Peter Golds OBE	Tower Hamlets Council
	Sir William Lawrence Bt	Stratford-on-Avon District Council
	Cllr Blake Pain	Harborough District Council
	Cllr Greg Smith	Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council
	Cllr Doreen Stephenson	East Lindsey District Council
	Cllr Mike Bell	North Somerset Council
	Cllr Amanda Martin	Council of the Isles of Scilly
	Mr Iain Varah	CLOA
Apologies	Cllr Alyson Barnes	Rossendale Borough Council
	Cllr Caitlin Bisknell	High Peak Borough Council
	Cllr Muhammed Butt	Brent Council
	Cllr Tom Fitzpatrick	North Norfolk District Council