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## **Advisory Council on Libraries – Reappointment**

Barbara Follett, Minister for Culture, Creative Industries and Tourism, has re-appointed Amanda Ridout as member of the Advisory Council on Libraries for a second term of four years from 12 February 2009 to 11 February 2013.

### **Biographical Details**

Amanda is currently Managing Director, HarperCollins – responsible for their adult and children's consumer publishing. Before joining the company in December 2001, Amanda was the Managing Director of Headline Book Publishing. She had previously been Sales and Marketing Director of Hodder & Stoughton and Sales Director at Reed Consumer Books. She was a member of the Steering Group for Love Libraries, a consumer facing library campaign, exploring a new vision of a 21<sup>st</sup> century library service. Amanda has undertaken no political activity in the past five years.

### **Notes to Editors**

1. The Advisory Council on Libraries (ACL) is an independent body appointed by the Secretary of State under the Act. Members of the ACL will be required to give advice to Ministers of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, through the chair or the DCMS Secretary, on matters relating to public libraries in England.
2. The membership of the ACL comprises a number of senior public librarians and members with other areas of relevant experience.
3. The reappointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Reappointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. Amanda has not undertaken any political activity during the past five years