

October 2004

## TONY BRADMAN APPOINTED TO THE PUBLIC LENDING RIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tessa Jowell, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, has appointed Tony Bradman to the Public Lending Right Advisory Committee. The appointment will last four years and begin on 8 November 2004.

### **Tony Bradman**

Tony started his career as a journalist, working briefly in the music press before becoming deputy editor, and then editor, of Parents magazine, where he became interested in children's books. By 1987 he was a full-time freelance writer and has produced something in the region of 200 children's books. Recent successes include 'The Orchard Book of Swords, Sorcerers and Superheroes', which was translated into six languages and sold well last year, and 'Daddy's Lullaby', a picture book now in its fifth printing in the US. He is also involved in writers' organisations. He was a member of the Young Media Committee of the Writer's Guild between 1996 and 1997 and he is currently Chair of the committee of the Children's Writers and Illustrators Group at the Society of Authors. He will hand over Chair this autumn.

He holds no other public appointments and has not carried out any political activity in the last five years.

### **Background**

1. The principal function of the Advisory Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and the Registrar of Public Lending Right on the operation of PLR Scheme.
2. The Committee consists of a Chairman and up to ten ordinary Members and meets at least twice a year. The Committee's costs are found by the Registrar from the PLR Fund.
3. Committee Members are not remunerated.
4. This appointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.