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Yorkshire Culture: Reappointment of Chair, Clive Leach CBE

Gerry Sutcliffe, the Minister for Sport, has reappointed Clive Leach as Chairman of Yorkshire Culture. His third and final term as Chair will run from 27 March 2008 to 26 March 2011.

Clive Leach is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing. He is currently Executive Chairman of the YFM Group and is Publisher / Chairman of Gabriel Communications, a publishing company. In the public sector, he is also Chair of West Yorkshire Learning and Skills Council and Regional Chairman of the Yorkshire and Humber Learning and Skills Council.

Clive previously worked for 30 years in the television industry and on leaving in 1993 was Group Chief Executive and Chairman of Yorkshire Tyne Tees Television plc. He was a Director of Opera North for eleven years. His sporting career included playing first class professional cricket and football at a high level.

Clive has undertaken no political activity in the past five years.

Notes to Editors:

1. In 1999 the Department for Culture, Media and Sport established a Regional Cultural Consortium in each of the English regions outside London to champion the whole spectrum of cultural and creative interests in the regions, including tourism and sport.
2. The consortiums have responsibility for implementing their regional cultural strategy and have a role in central policy making, regional data collection and research. In October 2004 the Consortiums changed from being advisory bodies to executive Non-Departmental Public Bodies (NDPB's).
3. Yorkshire Culture represents and engages a broad cross section of interests covered by the DCMS, including: the arts, sport, physical activity, leisure and recreation, tourism, creative and cultural industries, film and media, heritage, museums, galleries and libraries and archives. Yorkshire Culture aims to ensure that culture plays a central role in regional development, and is built on a partnership of DCMS sponsor bodies and other regional interests.
4. This 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.