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Clive W Leach CBE is re-appointed as Chair of the Yorkshire and Humberside Cultural Consortium

Richard Caborn announced today that Clive Leach has been re-appointed as Chair of the Yorkshire and Humberside Cultural Consortium. The term of appointment will run from 28 March 2004 to 27 March 2008.

Biographical notes:

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 Yorkshire Enterprise Group Ltd., and Chairman of Gabriel Communications, a publishing company. He is also Chair of West Yorkshire Learning and Skills Council and Deputy Chair of the Regional Assembly for Yorkshire and the Humber. He is the current President of the Harrogate International Festival.

Mr Leach previously worked for 30 years in the television industry and on his retirement from television, was Group Chief Executive and Chairman of Yorkshire Tyne Tees Television plc in 1992-93. He was a Director of Opera North for the last ten years and was until recently a member of the Advisory Board of the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television for ten years. His sporting career included playing first-class professional cricket and football at a high level. He lives in Barkston Ash, near Tadcaster, West Yorkshire. He has not undertaken any significant political activity in the last 5 years.

Notes to Editors:

1. Regional Cultural Consortia were set up in each region in 1999 to provide an independent advisory body to ensure that culture and creativity have a strong voice at regional level.
2. Consortium Chairs receive remuneration of £194 per day capped at a total of £5,000 per annum.
3. The Chairs are appointed by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. Each Chair is responsible for determining the overall size of their board and takes primary responsibility for appointing members. Consortium boards have a core membership of around 12 with a cross-spread of cultural interests and regional partners, including local business interests.