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CULTURE SOUTH EAST –CHAIR REAPPOINTMENT

David Lammy MP, Minister for Culture has reappointed **Kalwant Ajimal** as Chair of Culture South East the regional Cultural Consortium for the South East of England, for a second term of four years from 4th February 2007 to 3rd February 2011.

Kalwant Ajimal is an Executive Director of Asian Arts Access, an arts development agency and a producer for Mirador Culture, a production company which creates and runs festivals, including film festivals and the Festival of Ephemeral Arts. He also runs a management consultancy business and has worked in industry and commerce for over 25 years, with clients in both the public and private sectors. He has carried out assessments for Lottery distributors and worked for the Audit Commission's Best Value Inspection Service.

Kalwant 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. Kalwant Ajimal's first term as Chair of the board ran from 4th February 2003 to 3rd February 2007.
4. This reappointment 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.