

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

Press announcement:

**July 2006**

**Patricia Thomas OBE is reappointed as Trustee for the Theatres Trust**

David Lammy, Minister for Culture, announced today that Patricia Thomas has been reappointed as trustee for the Theatres Trust. Patricia Thomas' 2<sup>nd</sup> term of appointment will run for three years (24 July 2006 to 23 July 2009).

Patricia Thomas OBE

An independent Planning Law Adviser, having until recently been a Partner in the Planning and Environment Group of S J Berwin LLP (1988 to end of June 2006). She is a senior lawyer with extensive experience in development and planning. She is accomplished in managing complex, large-scale projects and mediating between private and public sector interests. She chairs the Law Society's Committee on Planning & Environmental Law, and is a Trustee of the Town and Country Planning Association. Miss Thomas was awarded an OBE for services to town and country planning.

Background:

The Theatres Trust Act 1976 established the Theatres Trust to 'promote the better protection of theatres for the benefit of the Nation'. The Trust has a UK wide remit. Local authorities are required to consult the Trust on planning applications affecting land on which there is a theatre. The Trust provides help and advice on theatre planning issues, architecture and design, to theatre management teams, Government agencies, and grant-making bodies. In addition, the Trust campaigns regularly on behalf of theatre groups.