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PUBLIC LENDING RIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – TWO MEMBERS

Margaret Hodge, Minister for Culture, has appointed **Tracey Chevalier** and **Meg Davis** as Members of the Public Lending Right Advisory Committee. Their terms of appointment will run from 1 May 2008 to 30 April 2012.

Tracey Chevalier grew up in Washington, DC and after university moved to London, where she lives with her husband and son. She worked in publishing for several years before doing an MA in creative writing at the University of East Anglia, under the tutelage of Malcolm Bradbury and Rose Tremain. Her novels include *Burning Bright*, *The Lady and the Unicorn*, *Falling Angels*, *The Virgin Blue*, and the international bestseller *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, which was made into a film starring Scarlett Johansson and Colin Firth. She is currently working on a novel about the fossil hunter Mary Anning. She is also Chair of the Society of Authors, and Writer in Residence for York Art Gallery.

Meg Davis has been a literary agent at MBA Literary Agents Ltd since 1984. She has served on the Council of the Association of Authors' Agents and is currently co-chair of the dramatists' section of the PMA. Over the past 10 years she has served on a number of committees to advise on and implement policy and standard agreements. These have included the BBC Radio Drama Commissioning Agreement, BBC7 and the Writers' Organisations Advisory Group. She has close continuing contact with the Writers' Guild of Great Britain and the Society of Authors.

Meg Davis and Tracey Chevalier have undertaken no political activity in the past 5 years.

Notes to Editors:

1. The PLR Advisory Committee is a non-statutory committee, appointed by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, which advises the Registrar of the Public Lending Right and DCMS Ministers on the operation of the PLR scheme. The scheme gives effect to the Public Lending Right Act(1979) by which authors have a legal right to receive payment for the free lending out of their books by public libraries.
2. 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.