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JENNIFER HOLLAND APPOINTED AS MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES (ACL)

Barbara Follett, the Minister for Culture, announced today that Jennifer Holland has been appointed a member of the Advisory Council on Libraries. Her term of appointment will run from 3 August 2009 to 2 August 2013.

Biographical Notes

Jennifer Holland is Head of Libraries and Information for Norfolk County Council. (appointed Nov 2000) She had previously worked in a number of other roles in the service including mobile librarian, group librarian and Assistant Director for Libraries. She is a Member of Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, and the Chartered Management Institute. Jennifer leads a service which includes 47 library buildings, ranging from the successful Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library to very small branch libraries. There are also 17 mobile libraries and services through other outlets.

Notes to Editors

1. Under the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has responsibility for ensuring that local authorities in England deliver a comprehensive and efficient library service. The Advisory Council on Libraries (ACL) is an independent body appointed by the Secretary of State under the Act. Members of the ACL will be required to give advice to Ministers of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, through the chair or the DCMS Secretary, on matters relating to public libraries in England. The membership of the ACL comprises a number of senior public librarians and members with other areas of relevant experience.
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3. The appointments process was carried out in accordance with the code of practice of the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. Jennifer has not undertaken any political activity during the past five years