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## **Museums, Libraries & Archives Council – Members Reappointment**

Ed Vaizey, Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries has reappointed Nicholas Dodd, Yinnon Ezra and Glen Lawes as members of the Museums, Libraries & Archives Council for a second term of 18 months. Their terms of appointment runs from 1 October 2010 to 31 April 2012.

### **Nicholas Dodd**

Nicholas is the Chief Executive of Museums Sheffield and lead Director of the Yorkshire Regional Museum Hub. Museums Sheffield is a not-for-profit management company and Charity that operates the City's museums on behalf of the Local Authority. He is the accounting officer and answerable to the Chairman and Board of Trustees. For six years until September 2006 he held a position as Trustee of the National Heritage Memorial Fund/Heritage Lottery Fund. He is on the executive of VAGA and CLMG, a Board member of the Sheffield Culture Board and a member of the Museums Association. Prior to 2002 he was head of Arts and Museums for Wolverhampton City Council, and responsible for the development of the service for eight years.

### **Yinnon Ezra MBE**

Yinnon has been a local authority Chief Officer since 1990, and has a strong track record of finding innovative and radical solutions to delivering Cultural Services that engage with communities. As Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs for Hampshire County Council, his portfolio covers Arts, Tourism, Countryside, Museums and Archives, Libraries, Adult Learning, Sport and Rural Affairs. At Kent County Council his department was used as a Government pilot project for the 'Future of Public Libraries'; in Hampshire he is reinventing libraries, having pioneered the Discovery Centre concept and encouraging users and customers to widen their access to cultural services by breaking down barriers between professionals and encouraging cross-working. He is also an adviser to the Local Government Association on Tourism and Cultural issues, a Governor of the University of Winchester and a Cabinet Office Ambassador for Diversity in Public Appointments. In February 2008 Yinnon was appointed by the Prime Minister as a National trustee of the Heritage Lottery Fund/National Memorial Fund and was awarded the MBE for service to local government in the New Year's Honours 2008.

### **Glen Lawes**

Glen Lawes recently retired from the post of Chief Executive of one of Britain's leading independent museums. His career spanned H.M. Diplomatic Service and general management with British Petroleum; he has successfully managed businesses with a multi-million pound turnover and opened up new opportunities in demanding circumstances in the UK and overseas. Recent achievements include the substantial renewal and expansion of the ten Ironbridge Gorge Museums; raising over £17 million of Lottery and other funds.

### **Background**

- 1) These reappointments have been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments and reappointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the appointments process. None of the appointees has declared any significant political activity during the last 5 years.