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Advisory Council on Libraries (ACL) – Reappointments

Margaret Hodge, Minister for Culture and Tourism has agreed to reappoint Karen Brookfield and David Ruse for a second term on the ACL for a second term of nine months. Karen's term will be from 12 February to 11 November 2010. David's term will be from 22 May 2010 to 21 February 2011.

Biography

Karen Brookfield

Karen is currently Deputy Director of Policy and Strategic Development at the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), responsible for a wide range of heritage areas and cross cutting themes, including learning and participation. In 2007 she set up *Collecting Culture*, HLF's grant programme to enrich the collections of UK museums, and she is currently leading *Skills for the Future*, a £5m programme of workplace training bursaries in heritage skills.

Having read Modern & Medieval Languages at Cambridge University, Karen began her career as a curator in the Scandinavian Section of the Department of Printed Books in the British Library; her subsequent posts included Head of Education and Head of Public Programmes, where she was responsible for exhibitions, education and new media in the British Library at St Pancras. Karen is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

David Ruse

David is Director of Libraries and Culture and a member of the Senior Leadership Team at Westminster City Council, and serves on the national executive committee of the Society of Chief Librarians. David has extensive experience in Libraries and local government, having previously worked for the Library Association, Berkshire County Council, and the London Boroughs of Barking 7 Dagenham, Havering and Bath Corporation.

Notes to Editors

1. These reappointments were carried out in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice for Public Appointments. Reappointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. Both Karen and David have not undertaken any political activity during the past five years.