

## Regional Commentaries

### Creating a partnership for improving cultural and leisure services



The Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and regional agencies are committed to strengthening the alignment of national, regional, and local objectives and priorities, and to encouraging and supporting service improvement in local authority cultural services. Commentaries are intended to be a means to achieve this with single tier and county councils, and are undertaken in partnership with local authorities.

#### What are Commentaries intended to achieve?

They provide an opportunity for structured dialogue between regional agencies and local authority resulting in a shared improvement process and clarity of relationships and expectations. They also provide opportunities for regional agencies to better understand local authorities and local government's overall position in the region, and for local authorities to inform and shape policy making in culture. In essence, this is intended to support improved cultural planning and delivery so that local people's cultural expectations are met, or indeed, exceeded.

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