

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

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**PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITIES CONFERENCE 2008 -
"CULTURE CONNECTS"**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider attendance at the Public Library Authorities Conference.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Details have been received about the Public Library Authorities Conference 2008 - "Culture Connects" to be held in Liverpool from 8 to 10 October 2008. The theme of the Conference is culture connects individuals and communities and provides inspiration and a sense of place for everyone. Libraries are at the heart of cultural life. Through debate and discussion the conference will explore -

- Inspiring creativity through the local authority cultural offer to adults and children and engagement with local area agreements.
- Changing lives in this National Year of Reading through engaging with new readers and promoting diversity.
- Connecting people through digital technologies such as web 2.0.

A full programme of speakers and activities has been organised for the Conference.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That consideration be given to attendance at the above mentioned Conference.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report - Conference details