

PUBLIC LENDING RIGHT FUNDING AGREEMENT 2008/09 – 2010/11

1. Introduction

This agreement:

- is between the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and Public Lending Right;
- is signed by the Deputy Director, Culture Team for DCMS and by the Registrar for PLR;
- is valid for the period 1 April 2008–31 March 2011.

In addition, PLR will:

- comply with all relevant legislation;
- comply with its Management Statement and Financial Memorandum;
- observe the requirements of Managing Public Money.

2. Public Lending Right's Purpose and Strategic Priorities

The mission of the Registrar and his team is to administer the PLR Scheme efficiently, cost-effectively and fairly, meeting the legal requirements of the Public Lending Right legislation and providing authors with an accurate, helpful and responsive service. A key priority for the period covered by this Agreement is to reduce the running costs of the Scheme to meet the targets set out in Section 3 below and thereby free a greater proportion of GiA for distribution to authors as payments. Through the Scheme, PLR aims to support and publicise the vital contribution that authors and public libraries make to the UK's wider creative economy, and to maintain its international reputation for best practice in the PLR field.

3. Public Lending Right's contribution to the delivery of Government Objectives

By providing financial support to writers and other authors, PLR supports the following DCMS Departmental Strategic Objectives:

- DSO 2 - Support talent and excellence in culture, media and sport
- DSO 3 - Realise the economic benefits of the Department's sectors

Through its Value for Money (VFM) Delivery Agreement with HM Treasury, DCMS is committed to generating 3% VFM savings over the three-year period 2008-11, and PLR has therefore been asked to meet the following targets:

	2007-08 baseline	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
VFM savings target (£000s)	828	803	779	756

4. Funding

The level of Government funding for the three years 2008-11 includes the amounts announced in the Secretary of State's letter of 10 December 2007, subject to any variations agreed prior to the signing of this agreement. Public Lending Right's resource and capital budgets during the CSR07 period will be:

£million	Resource GiA	Non Cash	Capital GiA	Total
2007/08 baseline	7.682	0.051	-	7.733
2008/09	7.432	0.003	-	7.435
2009/10	7.582	0.003	-	7.585
2010/11	7.682	0.003	-	7.685

This grant-in-aid allocation is subject to agreed variations post-dating the Secretary of State's letter and is dependent on Public Lending Right's performance against this Agreement. PLR's performance in 2008-11 will also inform the way in which the Secretary of State is able to approach the next funding round with HM Treasury.

5. Performance Monitoring

PLR's Annual Reports and any further reports prepared in relation to progress against stated corporate priorities will be used to monitor performance year-on-year. DCMS will assess Public Lending Right's performance on an ongoing basis. There will also be an annual meeting between DCMS Officials and the Registrar to discuss the strategic direction of PLR and the role it plays in delivering government priorities.

The level of scrutiny adopted in monitoring performance during the period of this funding agreement will be commensurate with the outcome of regular joint risk assessment exercises. The documents relevant to this agreement, and against which performance will be monitored are:

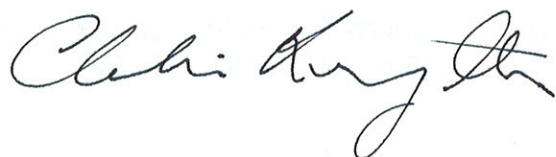
- Allocation letter
- Corporate Plan
- Annual Reports and Accounts
- Risk Assessment
- Management Statement / Financial Memorandum
- Statement of Internal Control
- Managing Public Money

In addition, PLR will be expected to provide 6-monthly reporting – with, in addition, major exception reporting – on the delivery of the VFM savings, setting out progress against forecast.

PLR's Annual Report is expected to be able to report progress against areas of greatest priority to Ministers. These include diversity and actions undertaken to promote sustainability and to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Responsibility for delivery against this Agreement rests with the Registrar of Public Lending Right.

Signed by:



Claudia Kenyatta, Deputy Director, Culture Team, Department for Culture, Media and Sport



Jim Parker, Registrar, Public Lending Right