

## **October 2011**

Ed Vaizey, Minister for Culture, Communication and Creative Industries has appointed Laura Carstensen as a Trustee of National Museums Liverpool. Her first terms will run from 17 October 2011 to 16 October 2015.

Laura Carstensen is Deputy Chairman of the Competition Commission, a role she took on after a long and distinguished career in City law as a partner in Slaughter and May. She also holds a number of appointments in the healthcare and higher education sectors including as Chair of the Council of The Women's Library, an internationally recognised archive and museum of the women's suffrage movement. She was educated at Withington Girls School in Manchester, read English at St. Hilda's College, Oxford and did her law conversion examinations at what is now London Metropolitan University, qualifying as a solicitor in 1987. She became a partner in 1994 and stepped down in 2004 in order to pursue a plural career outside law including founding and investing in sme businesses and holding non-executive roles in both the public and private sector. She was appointed to the Competition Commission in 2005 and her statutory term expires in 2013.

### **Notes**

1. National Museums Liverpool (NML) is the only national museum service in England based wholly outside London. It manages a number of internationally recognised museums and art galleries, which between them attract more than 2 million visitors per year. The range of the collections is immense, including archaeology, fine and decorative art, science, natural history, social history and slavery.
2. Trustee roles are not remunerated. Reasonable expenses can be claimed.
3. This appointments process was carried out in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice for Public Appointments. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. No political activity has been declared.