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We have carefully studied the DCMS consultation document on the transfer of Public Lending Right functions from the existing body at Stockton-on-Tees and find ourselves unable to accept the Government's preferred option of transferring the administration to the British Library.

We do not believe that all options have been fairly put before the public. Nor do we believe that there will be significant long-term efficiency savings associated with Option 5.

We strongly recommend Option 4. The Registrar and his small experienced staff are presently releasing considerable efficiency savings and we are confident that, with the assistance of our organisations, they will continue to do so in the future.

We fear that any other option will not be in the long-term interests of authors.

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