



ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
NATIONAL RECORDS AND ARCHIVES

**Summary minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2009 at the
The Department for Work and Pensions
The Adelphi,
1-11 John Adam Street
London WC2N 6HT**

Present: Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury, Master of the Rolls (MR) in the Chair

Ms Else Churchill
Dr Jeevan Deol
Sir David Durie
Professor Harry Dickinson
Dr Clive Field
Ms Christine Gifford
Mr Graeme Herd
Viscount De L'Isle
Professor Arthur Lucas
Professor Heidi Mirza
Professor Michael Moss
Lord Roper
Ms Janet Smith
Mr Ian Soutar
Ms Stephanie Williams

Ms Natalie Ceeney, Chief Executive,
The National Archives

Ms Carol Tullo, Director of Information Policy and Services,
The National Archives

Mr Nick Kingsley, Head of National Advisory Services,
The National Archives

Mr Stuart Abraham, Head of Transfer and Access,
The National Archives

Mrs Judy Anckorn, Private Secretary to the Master of the Rolls

Ms Lâle Ozdemir, Secretary to the Advisory Council

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from, Ms Janet Smith and Dr Jennifer Haynes.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 16th July 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Streamlining applications process

This was explained to the Council as an example of how the expertise of the Council could be utilised for more substantive access issues and by the streamlining of such applications, departments could potentially free up resource.

Access to public records: Freedom of Information cases considered by Council Panels

The Secretary spoke to the paper that outlined the themes that had arisen from the cases considered by the Panels since the July meeting.

Update on The National Archives' 2010 Consultation

The Council was informed that the formal public consultation regarding the changes had now closed. Ms Ceeney thanked the Council for its support and useful suggestions regarding some of the specific changes. The Council remained supportive of the changes and expected regular updates from The National Archives on the issue.

Update on 21st Century Archives Strategy

The Council was informed that there had been 265 responses to the consultation and that by and large they were supportive of the recommendations made in the draft consultation.

Any other Business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.00pm.