

Department Whitley Council

Summary of Meeting held on 12th June 2007

Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI)

Consultative meetings had taken place with unions, including national representatives.

Participation in two redeployment forums had commenced, covering London and the East of England.

One to one discussions would continue.

Clarification to be sought from Cabinet Office on potential for offers of severance pay if alternative jobs could not be found.

Kew 2008 (including Family Record Centre issues)

All FRC staff had been written to. Negotiations had been concluded, but some individual needs still had to be addressed.

The staff preference exercise for the new Reader and Customer Services department was due to be completed by July.

The Trade Unions had requested observer status for the allocation process.

A small group was looking at the possibility of providing enhanced career progression for records specialists without the necessity to take on people and administrative responsibilities.

The Trade Unions had flagged the need to ensure health and safety issues were fully covered in the Kew 2008 project.

HR Policies

Progress updates were given on a range of policies. Both sides were exploring some legal issues in respect of the draft redeployment policy.

Other Business

The Trade Unions had raised some concerns over workload within the Document Services department.

It had been agreed that the unions would be formally consulted in the autumn on the 2008/09 Business Planning cycle.