

## Summary of meetings

### Management Board

**26 April 2007**

#### 1911 Census Procurement

The Head of Business Development updated Management Board on negotiation with Scotland Online - appointed to digitise and act as a co branded online partner for the 1911 census returns.

Management Board discussed and agreed plans for risk mitigation and contingency. The Board was given assurance by the Head of Strategic Partnerships that while the 1911 census digitisation project is more ambitious and complex than past digitisation projects – the 1911 census contains 14 times as many images as the 1901 census, robust governance is in place to ensure that the service is delivered to plan.

The National Archives has a statutory obligation to deliver the service by 2012.

The Management Board will be updated regularly of project progress.

A review of the business case and estimated financial returns by the Head of Business Development was also approved by the Management Board.

#### Research Strategy

The Director Collections and Technology and the Head of Conservation Research led a Management Board discussion on the implications to The National Archives of the organisation's new Research Strategy. Research will focus on delivering The National Archives' Vision. Working with external partners, the research programme will aim to add tangible value to The National Archives.

The Management Board supported the strategic direction being proposed, believing that a robust research capability would be strongly aligned to the core capability and future strategic decision-making at The National Archives.

#### Capacity

Management Board reviewed the current capabilities of the organisation and agreed a next step to understanding how best to ensure that The National Archives will have the right people in place to deliver the Vision.