

30th October 2008

Archives Strategy for Government

The Board debated and endorsed the recommendation proposed by the Head of the National Advisory Service that The National Archives should take a national strategic leadership role to deliver the strategy. This was an appropriate support of The National Archives' Vision and a sensible way forward for the sector.

Performance reporting – half year

The Programme Support Manager outlined progress on delivering the 26 strategic objectives and business targets for 2008/09. He reported that at the half-year point there were no major concerns but advised the Board of one or two exceptions where there has been some slippage.

Strategic Risk Register – half year

The Board noted changes in the strategic risk register since the last Board review in July 08. The Board considered and noted that there were no major issues for discussion.

1911 digitisation project: risk mitigation

The Board reviewed and were given assurance that identified operational and reputational risks have been mitigated. The project to digitise the 1911 census and provide an online service continues to be on track for delivery.

Finance reporting – half year review

The Director Corporate Services and Finance highlighted the key points in the Year to Date Financial Report and confirmed that plans for tracking to year end.

Strategic direction and priorities 2009/10

The Chief Executive invited the Board, and in particular the Non-executive Directors, to comment on and challenge the efficacy of the five strategic Priorities proposed for 2009/10.

Following a wide-ranging debate and reflection on the health of the organisation, the Board agreed that the five priorities for 2009/10 were an effective tool and appropriate message to capture where the organisation is heading over the next year.