



The National Archives

## **Summary of meeting**

### **National Collections Strategy**

**6 February 2007**

#### **Minutes from last meeting**

Agreed.

#### **Progress report**

Progress report update:

#### **Website:**

The British Library has produced a draft Web strategy. This was discussed at the last UK Web Archiving Consortia (UKWAC) meeting. To take this forward it was decided that UKWAC and partners would draft its own vision statement on what it thinks a National Strategy on Web Archiving should contain.

The National Archives (TNA) will investigate the resources needed to archive the most current versions of all the government websites that are being closed as part of an initiative to bring the content into single entry portal sites such as DirectGov.

#### **Medical records:**

A Strategy for medical records has been added to Year One.

TNA will work with the relevant partners and the Wellcome Trust to identify what types of medical records researchers want to use and how medical records can be used for new areas of research.

#### **Sound:**

The main issues affecting audio recordings were identified as:

1. Future arrangements to hold digital audio records that are public records; and
2. Local authority archival network not being equipped to store audio records

Agreed that from now on those digital audio records selected as public records for permanent preservation will be transferred to TNA and not the British Library's National Sound Archive.

TNA will consider the need to digitise analogue sound records held in its care on a case-by-case basis.

**Additions to overall National collections strategy plan:**

Medical and audio records to be added to Year 1.

Prison records and records from the 2012 Olympics to be added to Year 2.

**Next meeting**

6 March 2007.

To discuss:

Datasets

Nuclear archives

TNA response to Web Archive Strategy, Position paper and framework documents

Corporate plan targets