



The National Archives

Summary of meeting

National Collections Strategy

6 March 2007

Progress report

Progress report update:

Datasets

The milestones in the progress report were agreed.

The Information Strategy department brought the Board's attention to the work on super federated datasets for policy use that is being taken forward by Nick Dyson (Director of Knowledge Analysis and Intelligence at HM Revenue and Customs). The Economic and Social Research Council is also involved. The project has the support of a group of Permanent Secretaries.

The National Archives is to meet with representatives from the Economic and Social Research Council later in March 2007 to look at where we can work together and support each other's remits.

The Collections and Research Department has received the final version of the Research Information Network Standard on information management.

Nuclear Archives Strategy

There is still a delay in getting a commitment from the National Decommissioning Authority to fund the National Nuclear Archive. The National Archives will continue to monitor the situation, as there will have to be a solution to manage records that have permanent value and/or business value in the long term.

A member of the Record Management and Cataloguing Department is to be invited to the next meeting to discuss civilian nuclear archives more thoroughly.

Website Archive Strategy

The Board gave The National Archives (TNA) representative on the UK Web Archiving Consortium their suggestions on the TNA vision for a Web Archiving Strategy paper. The suggestions are to be considered and the document revised accordingly.

The Board discussed future collecting strategies of websites to include government-funded sites, online material that supports government functions or commentates on them (eg reports by journalists) and non-governmental organisations' websites that have established large communities that the government could possibly interact with. It was agreed that content on the sites would have to be of national impact and/or in the national interest for TNA to take it.

The issue of providing a service to archive local authority websites was discussed but the need was not considered urgent due to the transient nature of the content of these sites.

Documents to support the National Collections Strategy

The Board made comments on the Vision statement and underlying principles to support the National Collections Strategy. All further comments to be forwarded by 30 March 2007. The Information Strategy department to revise accordingly.

Corporate Plan target

[Post meeting note – The Information Strategy department met with the Director of Collections and Technology and agreed the participating departments had met the targets provided the Vision and Underlying principles to support the National Collections Strategy and Guidance for developing a National Collections Strategy were published on The National Archives website by the end of the reporting year.]