Scotland's Historic Environment Data

Summary of activity in 2014-15

The SHED Strategy was launched at the April 2014 Institute for Archaeologists Conference in Glasgow, including a photo opportunity with Fiona Hyslop the Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs. Since then there has been a good deal of activity, and progress on a number of fronts.

Project Meetings and Documentation

➢ **Programme Board**: The first meeting of the SHED Programme Board took place in May 2014, and good progress was made in taking forward the development phase of the Strategy. A second meeting was held in November.

➢ **Management Group**: A small SHED Management Group was created, with key executive representatives from the lead partners. The Group meets in between the 6-monthly meetings of the Programme Board

➢ **Programme Initiation Document**: A draft PID was considered by the Programme Board, and a revised version was produced.

➢ **Programme Implementation Plan**: An Implementation Plan was developed through the year, coordinated by Bruce Mann, and is now beginning to crystallise.

➢ **Programme Risks**: A Risk Table was drafted and is being developed and refined.

➢ **Stakeholder Group**: The Board fed into the creation of a Stakeholder reference group which is expected to meet roughly once a year to help inform the Programme and to create goodwill and the fostering of partnerships.

➢ **Sharing experiences**: Presentations on the Strategy were given at the TACOS meeting in York in May, and at the December meeting of the Historic Environment Record Forum in Birmingham.

Project Workstream Activities

In our first year we identified three key workstreams, each of which has made progress. In addition, the potential of creating a cross-cutting national polygonisation project has been added to the Implementation Plan and is in the early stages of exploration.

➢ **Workstream 1 – Portal**: Conservation areas, World Heritage Sites and Battlefields were made available online through PastMap, and further advances are in the pipeline.

➢ **Workstream 2 – Standards**: Technical Specifications for polygons for Archaeological Areas are being developed, and a list of relevant activities in Scotland was produced.

➢ **Workstream 3 – Comms**: A Communications Plan was drafted and is currently being refined and delivered. The website is now regularly updated with relevant papers and material.

➢ **Polygonisation**: The idea of an ambitious national polygonisation project was broached: the concept is being explored and outline pilot proposals developed.

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