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Heritage Information Access Strategy (HIAS) FISH HEIRNET – 8th June 2016



<http://www.historicengland.org.uk/research/support-and-collaboration/heritage-information-access-strategy/>



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HE Action Plan 2015-18

Corporate Plan Objective 2.6: With our partners, improve access to information through local Historic Environment Records and explore ways of moving towards a single means of accessing historic environment information nationally

2.6.1. Improve access to heritage information

Historic England will deliver a Heritage Information Access Strategy to help the sector develop better ways of managing all heritage data and information and to support local Historic Environment Records alongside the National Heritage List for England, the key public access points for such data.



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Culture White Paper

What we will do

We will commission a report on the key issues to be addressed to make the UK one of the world's leading countries for digitised public collections content.

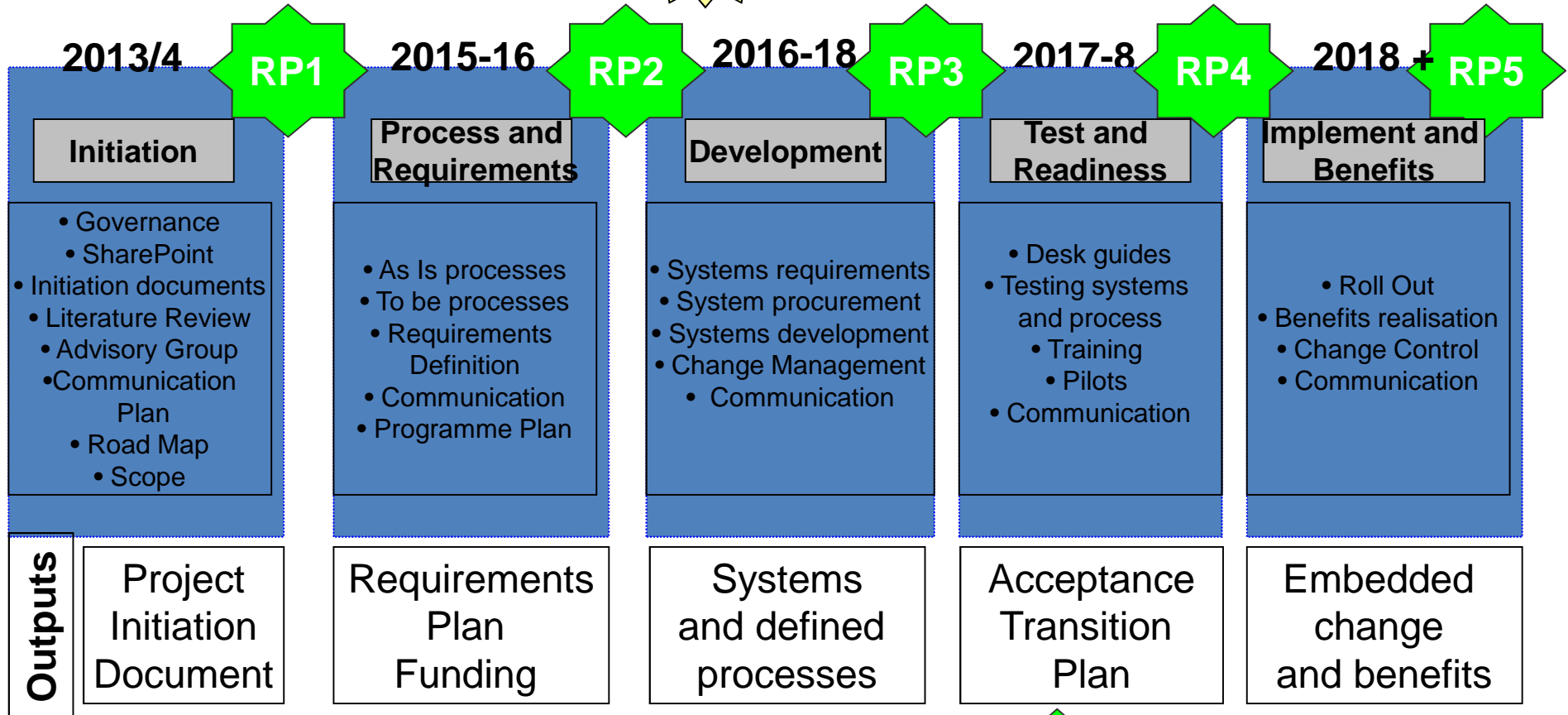
We will ask Historic England to work with local authorities to enhance and rationalise national and local heritage records over the next ten years, so that communities and developers have easy access to historic environment records.



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HIAS Road Map



= Review Point



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Progress to Date

Implementation
phase

- HIAS vision paper and draft principles
- External Advisory Board established
- Communications plan
- Business Process Mapping undertaken

Phase 2 – to be
processes

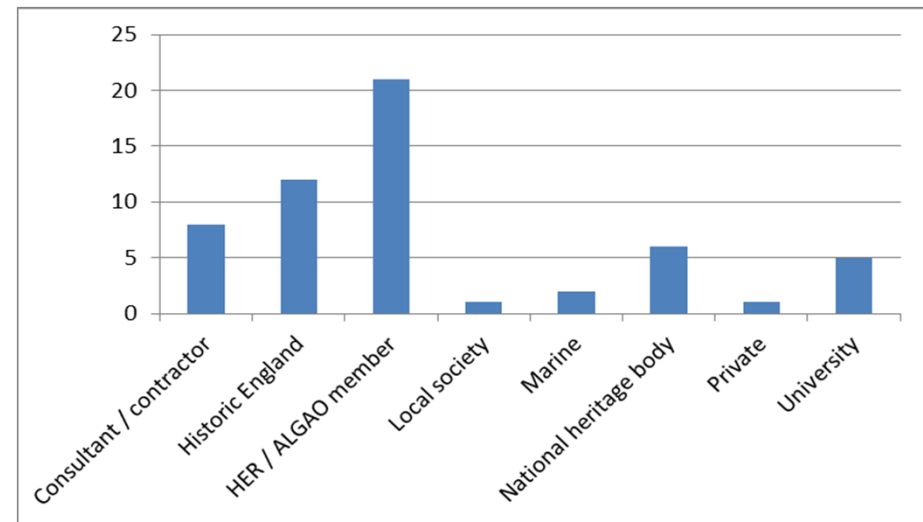
- Testing relationships & assumptions underpinning HIAS
- 10 work packages led by HE & external partners, reports published online
- Widening Advisory Board
- HERALD PD agreed & OASIS+buildings mock-ups
- Pilot project and resource assessment for NRHE to HER data transfer
- Consultation on principles & proposals for HIAS



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HIAS phase 2 consultation

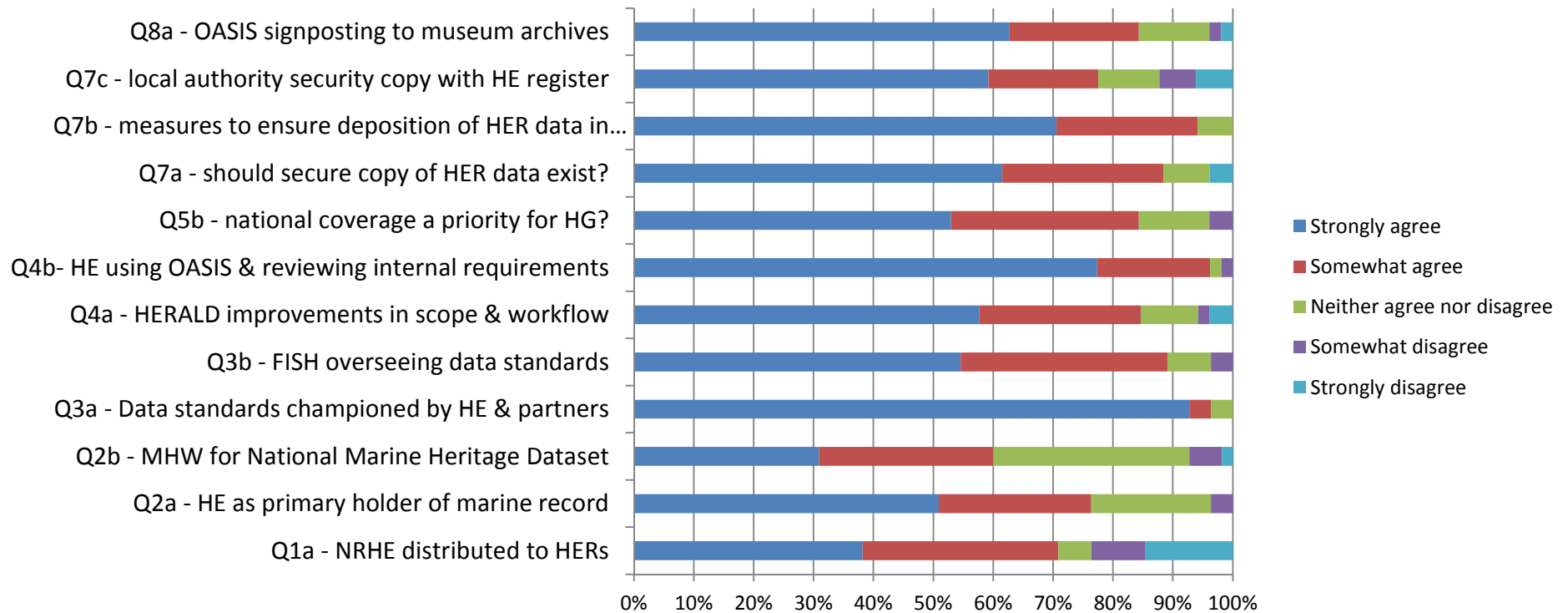
- Undertaken in March 2016
- 55 responses received
- 9 AB members
- Open and closed questions
- Strong support (>70%) for HIAS principles and proposals
- Detailed feedback to feed into phase 3 planning





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Headline figures





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Issues, opportunities and benefits raised

Diminishing local authority resources to deliver

Risks around gaps/reduction in access to HE information and national coverage

Lack of statutory role - implications for resources and bring about change

Artificial divide between terrestrial and marine

Loss of national analytical capacity provided by AIP

Importance of current information to support planning advice

Strength of coordinated national approach for standards & profile of HERs

Wish for improved online access and linkages between resources without undermining HERs

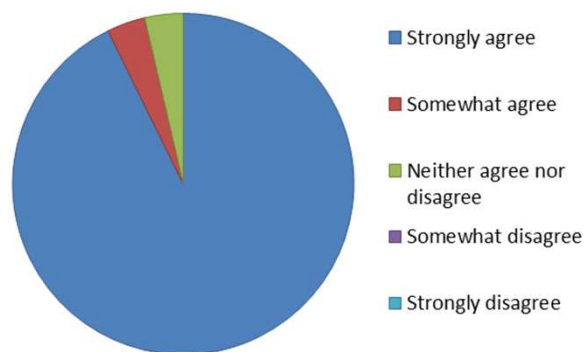
Need for greater engagement & consistency in LA service workflows



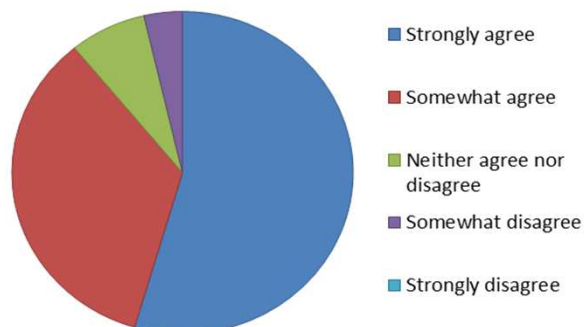
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Feedback on data standards/FISH

Q2b - HE + partners championing data standards (responses =55)



Q3b - FISH overseeing data standards (responses =55)



Data standards essential for HIAS

FISH needs higher profile and more awareness in museum sector

More resources needed

UK wide remit endorsed

Not just data standards - also content and web services standards, data validation tool, linked to HER audit process

8 Principles of Heritage Information Access - Updated

Principle 1: Local Authority HERs should be the first point of call for and primary trusted source of investigative research data and knowledge.

Principle 2: **Historic England** should be the first point of call for and primary trusted source of national datasets. **such as the National Maritime Record**

Principle 3: Historic England **together with it's partners** should continue to champion the development, maintenance and implementation of standards for the creation, management, **sharing, re-use** and storage of digital historic environment data.

Principle 4: Investigative research data or knowledge should be readily uploaded, validated and accessed online

Principle 5: **The A** national overview should be delivered online through the Heritage Gateway

Principle 6: Such data or knowledge should not be at risk of loss, fragmentation, inundation (in data), or system obsolescence

Principle 7: **Historic England** should, on behalf of the nation, ensure that a security copy of all such data exists in accordance with Principles 3 and 6

Principle 8: Digital data should be supported by material archives in safe repositories accessible to the public.



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Phase 3 will comprise...

Redeveloped OASIS

- Workflows to better reflect LA processes
- Specialist recording modules e.g. OASIS+buildings
- ADS Library - integration & searching of published sources , grey lit and archives

Replacement HE projects database

- OASIS compatible
- Mechanism to share data with HERs

National Marine Heritage Dataset

- New marine heritage data system and online access
- Implement data sharing/exchange with HERs
- Pilot project

Heritage Gateway

- Clarify vision & prioritise enhancements
- Defining of national overview, and implications for data providers
- Advance national coverage and linkages

National Security Copy

- Annual survey of local authority data security measures
- Protocols agreed and in place

Heritage Reference Data

- New system
- Platform for managing Thesaurus of Cultural Heritage
- Available via <http://www.heritagedata.org/>
- Liaison with software providers to ensure compatibility



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And be supported by...

Roles and responsibilities

- Change management & advocacy arising from agreed R & Rest

Data sharing & reconciliation

- Data supply from HE to HERs, supported by IT tools, protocols and support
- Archiving / access solution for data not accessioned locally

Historic Environment Records

- Survey HERs to measure participation in HIAS & define minimum levels
- Embedding of HIAS principles in HER strategy documents, e.g. HEROF
- Advocacy for HIAS in ALGAO

Data sharing & rights

- Coordination and advice on rights and licence issues for other WPs
- Consideration of Open Government licencing / Government Open Data with regard to HIAS

Communications and engagement

- Advocacy and liaison within sector
- Maintain awareness of related projects & initiatives

Training planning & delivery

- Identify and coordinate training requirements to support WP delivery and benefits realisation