

MEETING OF THE BOARD: 26 NOVEMBER 2008

MANAGEMENT PLAN

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of the document is to update members of the Board on progress with producing the 2008 – 2012 Management Plan.

2. Update

- 2.1. The Management Plan Committee met on 2nd October to consider the revised edited text that incorporated all the comments received during the consultation process. A full summary of responses that had been received during the consultation process and how these had been addressed and reflected in the Plan was also considered. Overall it was felt that the editorial team had done a terrific job in reducing the text, making the document more accessible and addressing the issues raised.

- 2.2. English Heritage endorsed this view but following extensive internal consultation still had over 400 substantive comments on the revised draft. The time required to address these comments and to have revisions endorsed by EH has necessitated revising the timeline for publication. Key dates for the revised schedule are:

- 24th November - Plan to the copy editor
- 15th December - Plan to printers

- 2.3. The aim now is to publish a simple 'grey' version (in the style of a 'Word' document) of the Management Plan on the website by Christmas with the full hard copy version being available in mid January ready for the official launch of the new Plan.

- 2.4. A design/print agency and a copy editor have been appointed. Concept designs for the publication were presented to the Management Plan Committee on 2nd October having previously been discussed with EH, David Breeze (Antonine Wall) and Peter Stone. The copy editor will be working closely with Kirsty Norman (MP editor) during the copy editing process. The copy editor is also working on a short, accessible 'introduction' to the Management Plan, to be published separately. It has been agreed with the MPC and EH that this should not be a summary of the main document, but should instead aim to introduce the MP to a wider audience, explain its purpose and guide people to relevant parts of the main plan.

3. Recommendation

3.1. It is recommended that:

- i) The Board note the contents of this report; and
- ii) This report may be published.

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