

Scottish Strategic Archaeology Committee Workshop
22 January 2018

Present: Stephen Driscoll (SD) (*Chairman*), Derek Alexander (DA), Peter Connolly (PC), Simon Gilmour (SG), Mark Hall (MH), Peter Hinton (PH), Hazel Johnson (HJ), Rebecca Jones (RHJ), Alan Leslie (AL), Eila Macqueen (EM), Thomas Rees (TR), Jacob O'Sullivan (JO), Fraser Hunter (FH), Richard Strachan (RSt), Rónán Swan (RSw), Robin Turner (RT), Val Turner (VT), Jan Wills (JW)

In attendance: Mike Elliot (ME) (*Minutes*)

Apologies: Kate Britton, Laura Hindmarch, Adam Jackson, Stephanie Leith, Kirsty Owen

- 1. Welcome and apologies:** SD welcomed everyone to the workshop.
- 2. Overview of Aim 1:** RHJ gave a brief overview of Aim One progress to date. She highlighted that the key aim under discussion today – 1.2.1 of the delivery plan – was in response to Q3 from the original 2015 consultation on the draft strategy, which was: 'The Strategy proposed a review of funding structures for Scottish archaeology. Do you agree that this is needed and is there anything in particular that you would like to see such a review address?' There was a discussion on this and it was agreed to return to the original responses to this question.

ACTION: RHJ to look out and circulate

3. Short presentations:

3.1 Archaeology 2025 – Ireland's Archaeology Strategy: RSw (Head of Archaeology & Heritage, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and Chair of the Archaeology 2025 Working Group of the Royal Irish Academy) gave an overview of Archaeology 2025: Ireland's Strategy. A Q&A session followed.

3.2 21st Century Challenges for Archaeology – ClfA & Historic England: JW (former Hon Chair of ClfA) gave an overview of Historic England's project Plan. A Q&A session followed.

Action 1: RHJ to circulate RSw and JW's presentations to the committee.

- 4. Aim 1.2.1 - the National approach:** The committee broke into workshop discussion groups to discuss Aim 1.2.1: *Commission a review of the national approach to archaeological protection and recording to include comparisons to other countries and recommendations for improvements.* It was agreed that notes taken during the discussion will be typed up and circulated to the group. It was agreed there will be an online discussion on the next phase after the notes have been circulated.

Action 2: SG, EM and RSt to type up and submit notes to RHJ by 13 February for circulation.

See Annexes

- 5. Way forward:** A general discussion took place on current systems and procedures. It was agreed to hold a discussion session at a future EAA conference on issues identified. VT proposed that we look at the Norwegian model, how it works, any pros and cons and how it can be adapted. There will be further discussions on the way forward after the workshop notes have been circulated.

6. **Timescales:** Timescales will be agreed in due course, following dissemination of the workshop notes.
7. **Resourcing:** It was agreed to have an internal discussion within HES over resource requirements once it had been identified how this piece of work was to progress.
8. **AOB:** There were no other items of business.

Close: The Chair thanked everyone for attending, in particular JW and RSw. There were no other announcements and the meeting was moved to a close.

