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Archive Sector Review: Stakeholder briefing 1

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In 2008 the Society of Archivists (SoA), National Council on Archives (NCA), and the Association of Chief Archivists in Local Government (ACALG) commissioned a review of the representative structure of the archives and records management sector in England and Wales.

Following the review, SoA, NCA and ACALG agreed to discuss a merger of the three separate organisations into a single body.

The first cycle of meetings to discuss the proposed merger has now been completed. The Project Board, and Communications, Governance and Membership groups have met once. Discussions have been constructive and agreement has been reached on the remit for each group.

The Communications group has agreed to circulate a briefing at the end of each cycle of meetings, summarising discussions so far. This is the first of those briefings.

The Governance group has agreed to consider the decision-making process of the merged body and how to support that. This will include the elected executive and paid officers of the body.

The Membership group has agreed to consider categories of membership, how to accommodate existing members of the three organisations, and voting rights for members.

The Project Board has endorsed these decisions. The Board has also agreed that it would be appropriate to consider the name of the merged body at the end of the discussion process.

Discussions continue with the target of concluding a memorandum of understanding between the three organisations by the end of March. We will continue to provide you with updates on the process, and will also brief you when the final outcome of discussions is known.

We wish to circulate this briefing as widely as possible, so if you would like to add someone's details to our circulation list, please contact the Society of Archivists (membership@archives.org.uk).

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