

Using The National Archives' Self-Assessment and Inspection as a tool for support

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Self-Assessment pilot 2006

- Score – 54% (1*)
 - Lack of accrual space
 - Poor building fabric
 - Not enough staff or resources
 - Large cataloguing backlog



Inspection 2007



- More storage and outreach space needed
- More staff needed
- More effort to be representative of current population
- Humidity concerns
- Building fabric
- Digital preservation

Self-Assessment 2007

- Score – 56% (1*)
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What we did about it



- Reported to Cabinet member and her advisory group
 - Need for extra funding
 - Need for new building
- Bid within medium term plan
 - £80,000 – 2008/09
 - £66,000 – 2009/10
 - £34,000 – 2010/11

Plans for the future

- Increase SA score by 2% per year
- Undertake feasibility study for new accommodation
- Address cataloguing backlog
- 5 year strategic plan



Tips for using TNA for leverage



- Be honest on your form
- Exploit TNA
- Exaggerate the implications
- Cultivate the members
- Raise the profile
- Keep plugging away

