

## **Summary of evidence submitted to the HLF tailored review**

NHSF has submitted evidence to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)'s tailored review of the National Heritage Memorial Fund (NHMF) and Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

NHSF expressed support for the activities of the NHMF and HLF, and for the current administrative model (a Non-Departmental Public Body) as the most effective way to deliver their functions as open, transparent, accountable and responsive organisations.

The response also advocated for the outcomes of HLF initiatives to be made more openly accessible, in part to support an assessment of impact. It suggested that HLF could better share research and data generated through projects and bids, which in turn would both provide greater insight into the process for people preparing bids, and encourage more effective heritage management.

It suggested that HLF could do more to encourage organisations to deposit research data with an organisation that will make it accessible.

### **About tailored reviews:**

Tailored reviews are a central element of the Government's Public Body Reform Programme. Their purpose is to challenge and seek assurance of the continuing need, efficiency and good governance of public bodies. Every public body is required to undergo a tailored review once during the lifetime of a Parliament.

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