Please read through the attached draft SHED Strategy and address the following questions when returning your response:

1. Do you agree with the Scope of the Strategy as stated within Section 2.5 – 2.8? If not please suggest how it might be extended, contracted or changed.
IHBC generally agrees with the Scope of the Strategy which is set out in sections 2.5 to ~~2.8~~ 2.9
Specific comments are:
2.6 typo …will ~~tend~~ need to be opportunistic….
2.8 replace ' cementing' (a doubly unfortunate word in context of historic environment) with " continuation and expansion"
Explanation: the word "expansion" of the current partnership approach is important to be added as 2.4 recognises that currently the built heritage conservation sector is under-represented in this work.

2. Do you feel that your organisation is fairly represented within the Strategy as a whole? If not please explain why.
Not fully. 2.4 recognises that currently the built heritage conservation sector is under-represented in this work.

3. Do you agree with the principles that underpin the Strategy (Section 6.3)? If no, what additions or changes would you make?
Mostly. Principle No.2 should be expanded as follows to include Conservation Areas:
2. *SHED*: Scotland's Historic Environment Data will include information about the whole of the historic environment, including buildings, **Conservation Areas,** marine and maritime, and may also include artefactual records and information on our intangible cultural heritage.

4. Do you agree with the aims that underpin the Strategy (Section 6.4)? If no, what additions or changes would you make?
Mostly. Add 'collation' to Aim 1 as follows:
Aim 1: To make major improvements and enhancements to the **collation,** sharing of, linking and access to the information about the historic environment.

5. Do you agree with the objectives that underpin the Strategy (Section 6.5)? If no, what additions or changes would you make?

Mostly. Aim 1.4 would be better expressed by the following change:

1.4 Develop efficient methods for **polygonisation** where appropriate, ~~for known site extents~~ **of the extent of known historic environment sites and buildings,** ~~and~~ for development management purposes, for ~~example to~~ help in managing change and for facilitating research. *(Explanation: this better covers everything required, including Listed Buildings which may be viewed purely as point data and not sites by some at present)*

6.   Do you agree with the benefits that derive from the strategy (Section 7)? Are there any that you feel should be added?
   Yes

7.   Do you agree with the governance structure outlined for the Development Phase in Section 8.5 – 8.7? If no, what changes would you suggest?
This section should be expanded to set out here the proposed Management Group structure and composition outlined in Appendix 4 (and specifically that it will include IHBC).

8.   Do you have any other comments, additions or corrections to make with regard to the Strategy? **Yes, as follows:**

3.5 Amend table as follows:

Local Authority polygonisation	Various current and forthcoming projects to supply polygonised information for development management purposes, e.g. 'trigger mapping' and 'known site extents'. **Listed buildings are currently a 'gap area' but need to be included.**

Amend penultimate para on Scottish Historic Environment Review Audit as follows:

- Scottish Historic Environment Review Audit (review in progress): The Review is looking at all areas of the sector, including the work undertaken by Historic Scotland and partners working in the historic environment sector. The scale and wide scope mean that the high level delivery options will inevitably impact on this SHED Strategy. Therefore, a degree

of flexibility is required during the development of this Strategy to accommodate the findings of the Review **and to seek to maximise the rectification of existing data reporting gaps** (eg data on listed buildings including no.of demolitions, Buildings at Risk in all categories, No. of planning applications in Conservation Areas and No. of LBC applications and %age approval rates).

Section 5 Additional Data Content Needs
Add an additional para 5.5 to include text such as the following:
5.5 Listed Building and Conservation Area Data: All readily available data must be included in the SHED on both Listed Buildings (inc data on LBC applications in each LA area; No. of demolitions per category in each LA area on an annual basis; Nos. of LB's at Risk - with need for expansion to include all categories recognised); the existence of Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans.

8.3 The 2ⁿᵈ Resource is listed in the table as "Nationally Designated Records". This should be amended to read:
"Designated (building/ site/ area) **Records"** in order for it to be accurate. (*Explanation: 'Conservation Areas' listed in column 3 as an example are not nationally designated; they are largely designated by LA's.)*
The 3rd Resource is listed in the table as "Historic Environment Records". This term should be amended to read:
"Archaeological Historic Environment Records" in order for it to be accurate, and Column 2 also needs amendment to refer to 'Live records for protecting and managing all undesignated archaeological undesignated sites nationally'. (*Explanation: there has been too much confusion already about use of the term HER)*

8.4 Amend Column 2 (function) under Local Authorities as follows:
'Management of all ~~Local Historic Environment Records~~ **local historic environment data'** (*Explanation: there has been too much confusion already about use of the term HER's; LA responsibilities extend to management of ALL local HE data, which may include eg data on non-listed historic buildings)*

Appendix 1

Add IHBC to this.

Please send your consultation response, along with details of your name and organisation that you are representing, to bruce.mann@aberdeenshire.gov.uk The closing date for responses to this stage of the consultation is **Thursday 28th** March. Should you have any queries then please do not hesitate to email or telephone Bruce Mann in the first instance - 01224 664731. Thank you in advance.