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Parliament took the first steps to implement its Digital Preservation strategy by initiating a project to put in place an appropriate environment for the long term preservation of its valuable digital resources. One of the first activities involved rescuing a series of image files which were at risk as a result of being stored on fragile media; the files were transferred to more secure storage where they will be held until a digital preservation repository is established in the later stages of the project. Two tools were made available for project managers and system developers to help them to assess the digital preservation needs of their projects and inform decision making¹. Work in guiding approaches to digital preservation across Parliament continued with the publication of our Digital Preservation Policy² and an updated Acquisition Policy³

, which will guide decisions about which resources will be selected for permanent preservation in the Parliamentary Archives.

¹ www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_publications_and_archives/parliamentary_archives/digitalpreservation.cfm

² www.parliament.uk/documents/upload/DigitalPreservationPolicy1.0.pdf

³ www.parliament.uk/documents/upload/ArchivesAcquisitionPolicy09.pdf