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The Context

- The knowledge economy
- Increased national R&D
- Improved research infrastructure
- THIS SHOULD INCLUDE ACCESS TO WORLD-CLASS “RESEARCH INFORMATION RESOURCES” AT A REASONABLE COST
Current challenges to provision

- Model of local library plus national library no longer fit for purpose
- Electronic provision to desktop
- E-science + grids
- Growth in research volume unabated
- Costs outstripping inflation, no true market
What should we do - leave it to market forces alone? No!

- Large number of universities/institutes
- Too dependent upon publishers
- Academic researcher “not interested”
- Access less if research concentrates
- Preservation in electronic
- Step change in levels of cooperation

Remit was “to make recommendations on a national strategic framework and mechanisms for promoting collaboration in, and integration of library collections their long-term management..”

Universities plus British Library
• Convinced in advantages of a national strategic framework
• Concentrate upon strategic functions where joint working better than individual working
• Work with others.
Report

- March 2003 on http://rslg.ac.uk
- New Rev. Acad. Lib. 8, 1-174, 2002
- “Devil is in the principle, not the detail!”
- Key issue is whether to establish an RLN which tries to shape future of research information provision and encourages much deeper library cooperation
Overarching roles of RLN

• To determine strategy and priorities
• Much more than electronic world
• Develop comprehensive programme of work & obtain funding
• Advocacy: national & international
Tasks of an RLN 1

• Not difficult to list.
• Many started, none finished!
• Led by researcher need
• Cannot do everything, focus
• Quick win or two will be needed
Tasks of an RLN 2

- Access
- Electronic research collections
- Discovery tools
- Collaboration in collection management
- Retention and preservation
- Scholarly communication
- Leadership