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SUMMARY

The Board discussed next steps to translate the CSR settlement into **spending plans** for the next three years, taking account of new priorities following the Board and Ministerial refresh of the **FCO's strategy**.

The Board endorsed the **Information and Technology Directorates Strategy**, which will focus on delivering sustainable IT, optimising the business value of IT and better exploiting the FCO's existing investment in IT.

The Board congratulated the **Future Firecrest programme** for continuing to keep the programme on track and meeting key milestones, but noted that there were still considerable challenges ahead.

The next **FCO Leadership Conference** is taking place from 3-5 March 2008. The Board discussed the key objectives, theme and structure of the conference and confirmed an open nomination process for seventy Leadership invitees from across the network.