

Welsh Statistical Liaison Committee

A National Statistics Joint Consultative Committee
Minutes of meeting held on 13 October 2016
Cathays Park, Cardiff

Attendees			
Phillip	Barlow	PB	Pembrokeshire Coast National Park
Chris	Clarke	CC	Torfaen County Borough Council
Lee	Clarke	LC	Cardiff County Council
Fiona	Clay-Poole	FC	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Jill	Edge	JiE	Monmouthshire County Council
Janine	Edwards	JE	Conwy County Council
Rhys	Gibbon	RG	NHS Wales
Alan	Jackson	AJ	Welsh Government
Glyn	Jones	GJ	Welsh Government
Nia	Jones	NJ	Gwynedd County Council
Paul	Jones	PJ	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Steve	King	SK	City and County of Swansea
Sue	Leake	SL	Welsh Government
Gretel	Leeb	GL	Welsh Government
Nathan	Lester	NL	Public Health Wales
Silvia	Manclossi	SM	Welsh Government
Ann-Marie	McCafferty	AM	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Geraint	Morgan	GM	Powys County Council
Jenny	Murphy	JM	Data Unit Wales
Chris	Perkins	CP	Data Unit Wales
Matthew	Scanlon	MS	Brecon Beacons National Park
Yuan	Shen	YS	Bridgend County Borough Council
Lisa	Walters	LW	Welsh Government
Lowri	Wyn Francis	LWF	Gwynedd County Council
Apologies			
Sioned	Cardew-Richardson		Estyn
Richard	Cardwell		National Resources Wales
Chris	Davies		Rhondda Cynon Taff County Council
Vicki	Doyle		Caerphilly County Borough Council
Neville	Evans		Isle of Anglesey County Council
Martin	Jennings		Assembly Commission
Leanne	John		City and County of Swansea
Sarah	Jones		Health Inspectorate Wales
Helen	Jones		National Assembly for Wales
David	Morgan		Pembrokeshire County Council
Lesley	Rees		Carmarthenshire County Council
Andrew	Stephens		Data Unit Wales
Alison	Vaughan		Ceredigion County Council
Russell	Watts		Vale of Glamorgan Council
Andy	Wilson		Torfaen County Borough Council

1	Welcome, Introductions & Apologies	
	<p>GJ opened the meeting and welcomed new members.</p> <p>Following feedback from members' presentations will no longer be printed in the future unless there is a specific request from a member.</p>	
2	Note of last meeting & Update on actions (WSLC (2016 06) 01 & 02)	
	<p>There were no requests for amendments to the minutes for the last meeting.</p> <p><i>Action Point 1 - AJ to send out requests for nominations for this group. GJ to send out plenary notes from week beginning 03/10 relating to the use of projections by the First Minister</i></p> <p><i>Action Point 2 - closed - update provided in papers</i></p> <p><i>Action Point 3 - Ongoing</i></p> <p><i>Action Point 4 - Complete</i></p> <p><i>Action Point 5 - Pilot use for SAIL appliances in LAs. Contact GJ if interested.</i></p> <p><i>Action Point 6 – Not being done at present.</i></p> <p><i>Action Point 7 – Update on agenda for meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Action Point 8 – Ongoing</i></p> <p><i>Action Point 9 – Complete</i></p> <p><i>Action Point 10 – On agenda</i></p> <p><i>Action Point 11 – WIMD Survey out next week.</i></p> <p><i>Action Point 12 - Complete</i></p> <p><i>There were no further general points on the Actions.</i></p> <p>Discussions over last meeting: JE asked about Open Data training. GJ said nothing had progressed yet but will be brought together with training on StatsWales and Power BI. GJ promised an update at next meeting.</p>	<p>ACTIONS:</p> <p>AJ to send out request for nominations for those representing a planning perspective to take part in WASP group.</p> <p>GJ to send out plenary notes relating to the use of projections by the First Minister.</p> <p>GJ to report back on StatsWales training.</p>
3	Review of information papers	
	<p>GJ summarised WG Stats newsletter including particular discussion of the following: StatsWales now fully bilingual, ONS opening new data science campus. Possibility of inviting ONS to present on the data science campus at next meeting.</p> <p>Discussion about clarity for WIMD Indicator publication plans. SL will investigate what will be published and when and ensure clarity is provided about what will be published when.</p> <p>Overview of Demography Newsletter and ONS Census Information Paper. GM noted that Powys has been selected for the 2017 Census test and agreed to report back next year on how the census test goes in Powys.</p> <p>Data Unit Wales update: WLGA requesting data on armed forces at local level. Let JM know if any assistance can be provided.</p>	<p>ACTIONS:</p> <p>GJ to invite ONS to next meeting to present on Data Science Campus.</p> <p>SL to investigate WIMD indicator publication plans and ensure clarity is provided about what will be published when.</p> <p>GM to report back next year on the census test in Powys.</p> <p>All to provide any assistance to JM</p>

		for WLGA armed forces data.
4	Local Authority Population Projections	
	<p>AJ presented on the recently published LA population projections. GM queried when detailed assumptions would be published. AJ said within the next few days.</p> <p>Members discussed how to deal locally with the zero net migration assumption particularly given the uncertainty around migration following Brexit.</p> <p>Household projections and National Parks projections announced for March 2017. WG planning teams are aware.</p> <p>The impact of population projections on standard spending estimates was discussed.</p>	
5	Labour Force Projections	
	<p>JE presented on how she produces labour force projections from population projections.</p> <p>Discussion included the potential for modelling full and part time workers and self-employed workers. SL said employment land requirement is likely to be very useful to planners.</p> <p>Discussion over linking labour force projections with skills of future labour force. GJ will send out information from the work undertaken on Labour Market Intelligence within WG and resources about regional skills partnerships.</p>	<p>ACTIONS:</p> <p>GJ to send out information on skills and labour market intelligence.</p> <p>GJ to send out resources on regional skills partnerships.</p>
6	Public Health Outcomes Framework	
	<p>Presentation by RG on interim reporting tool for the Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF).</p> <p>Discussion over releasing Open Data. Many expressed an interest at having data at a lower level. RG to discuss earlier release of data with PHOF team.</p> <p>Discussion on frequency of updates. RG said they're likely to be annual but ideally will be staggered to allow "live" data.</p> <p>Interest expressed in advice and guidance especially on significance at geographical levels.</p> <p>RG to discuss linking with StatsWales Open Data with WG.</p>	<p>ACTIONS:</p> <p>RG to discuss earlier release of underlying PHOF data with team.</p> <p>RG to discuss linking StatsWales Open Data to PHOF reporting tool with WG.</p>
7	National Survey	
	<p>Presentation by SM and LW on future publication of National Survey results.</p> <p>Discussion on which outputs would be most effective for LAs. LAs were interested in the lowest level of data available, including raw data, but recognised effectiveness of infographics with general users.</p>	
8	Health projections	

	<p>Presentation by NL on an interactive web-based tool that shows past trends and future projections of Well-being of Future Generations (WBFG) indicators relating to health. The tool was developed to support public health services and PSBs in producing well-being assessments and plans. Can be used to focus action to avoid unfavourable trends and improve future population health.</p> <p>The tool provides 3 year and 10 year extrapolations. NL emphasised that caution should be taken when using extrapolations, as changes can occur due to numerous un-modelled factors.</p> <p>GJ raised a question on data availability. NL clarified that future developments will include flat data files.</p> <p>AM queried the best way to present these data. NL advised it was best to discuss with relevant PSBs, but data should be separated in order to chart only what is necessary.</p>	
9	House Condition Evidence project	
	<p>SL presented on the House Condition Evidence project. The project will be carried out over the next 3 years, and aims to secure data and analysis to inform policy in relation to domestic housing and energy use. Questions will be asked in the 2017/18 National Survey for Wales to capture information relevant to housing. Additional data on physical housing conditions will be obtained through recontact with a surveyor, with the aim of sampling 2,500 dwellings. Alongside the survey there are plans to create a 'dwelling spine' for Wales to link existing data about dwellings anonymously.</p> <p>JE raised a question on data availability on the LA level. SL responded that the sample for the housing condition survey would be unlikely to provide enough data for this but that this would be a key objective for the modelling work using the dwelling spine.</p>	
10	Future Generations Act update	
	National indicators / annual well-being report	
	<p>GJ gave an update on the National WBFG Indicators. The current focus is on producing the annual well-being report. Although national-level data are used to report on national-level goals, any LA data that is available will be accessible on StatsWales.</p> <p>GJ explained that some indicators are being collected or derived for the first time.</p> <p>There was a discussion on how to ensure people were aware that these reports are not performance indicators. GJ emphasised that the reports are to measure progress of Wales against the goals; not an annual performance report on WG or any other organisation.</p>	
	Future trends	

	<p>GL spoke about future trends (FT) reporting. Emphasis was placed on making FT reporting suitable for the future, as a live, ongoing facility, rather than a snapshot report simply to fulfil the immediate requirement. GL highlighted that in line with the Ways of Working under the WBFG Act, FT reports should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support decisions on preventative actions • present an integrated picture of interdependencies between trends • meet collective needs and be collectively owned • be accessible to all • be contributed to actively <p>There were some questions raised on expectations for upcoming Well-being assessment reports, given that some PSBs are working to deadlines in November for draft reports and PSBs were required to reference the Future Trends report in their assessment. GL emphasised that material would be made available shortly but that FT reporting is work in progress, will develop and is expected to be an iterative process. YS added that the focus should be on collaboration and working together. GJ raised a question on who would scrutinise the well-being assessments. CP responded that the plans will be consulted on, but continuous improvements would be expected for the next 18 months as well-being plans were developed.</p>	
	Needs assessments	
	<p>CP spoke about support given to local authorities, especially regarding preparation of well-being assessments. Data have been gathered, and now the focus is on transforming data into assessments. There were concerns before summer regarding the lack of projections, but this is now less of an issue given recent developments. Non-statutory guidance regarding response analysis was released at the end of September, in the PSBs quarterly report. CP will be attending events in November, and engaging with PSBs over the assessment process. Natural Resources Wales are intending to release a data pack for each PSB.</p>	
11	Any Other Business	
	<p>There was a discussion on the location of future meetings. Locations in mid-Wales are difficult to reach using public transport, but other locations require long journeys.</p>	

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