

## Welsh Statistical Liaison Committee

A National Statistics Joint Consultative Committee  
Minutes of meeting held on 2 December 2015  
Conference Room 6, Cathays Park, Welsh Government

<b>Attendees</b>			
Phillip	Barlow	PB	Pembrokeshire Coast National Park
Chris	Clarke	CC	Torfaen County Borough Council
Lee	Clarke	LC	Cardiff County Council
Neville	Evans	NE	Cyngor Sir Ynys Mon
Lauren	Hassett	LH	Gwynedd County Council
Leanne	John	LJ	Swansea County Council
Glyn	Jones	GJ	Welsh Government
Helen	Jones	HJ	National Assembly for Wales
Sue	Leake	SL	Welsh Government
Anne-Marie	McCafferty	AMM	Merthyr County Council
Jenny	Murphy	JM	Local Government Data Unit
Lesley	Rees	LR	Carmarthenshire County Council
Matthew	Scanlon	MS	Brecon Beacons National Park
Yuan	Shen	YS	Bridgend County Council
Russell	Watts	RW	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Lowri	Wyn Francis	LWF	Gwynedd County Council
<b>Minute Takers</b>			
Sarah	Blake	SB	Welsh Government
Richard	Grove	RG	Welsh Government
Hannah	Stewart	HS	Welsh Government
<b>Speakers</b>			
Richard	Palmer	RP	Data Unit Wales
Rhiannon	Caunt	RC	Welsh Government
Andrew	Charles	AC	Welsh Government
Andrew	Stephens	AS	Data Unit Wales
Lucy	Teague	LT	Welsh Government
Martin	Parry	MP	Welsh Government
Scott	Clifford	SC	Welsh Government
<b>Apologies</b>			
Osian	Bowyer		Comisiynydd y Gymraeg
Brett	Davis		South Wales Police
Vicki	Doyle		Caerphilly County Council
Jill	Edge		Monmouthshire County Council
Janine	Edwards		Conwy County Council
Rhys	Fidler		Local Government Data Unit
James	Gardiner		Local Government Data Unit
Alan	Jackson		Welsh Government
Martin	Jennings		Assembly Commission
Ann	Kellaway		Arts Council for Wales
Steve	King		Swansea County Council
Louise	Mackie		Flintshire County Council
David	Morgan		Pembrokeshire County Council
Geraint	Morgan		Powys County Council
Beverley	Searle		Vale of Glamorgan Council
Alison	Vaughan		Ceredigion County Council

1	<b>Welcome, Introductions &amp; Apologies</b>	
	GJ opened the meeting and welcomed new members. Our thoughts are with the family of Di Greaves since her passing. GJ noted that Di had been a valuable part of the statistical community in Wales and had contributed significantly over the years. She will be missed immensely. WSLC members will be informed of any collections for flowers and funeral arrangements.	
2	<b>Note of last meeting &amp; Update on action points (WSLC (2015 12) 01 &amp; 02)</b>	
	<p>There were a couple of requests for amendments to the minutes for the last meeting.</p> <p>1. Alison Vaughan has asked for an amendment to item 7 of the previous minutes so that the item reads:</p> <p><i>JT reported that Alison Vaughan in Ceredigion was working with the Manchester City Council on population estimates and projections of students at their term time addresses because they can have a big impact on the apparent rate of migration to cities/towns with universities. It was discussed whether students could be separated from the more general population in estimates and projections.</i></p> <p>– As a follow up to this Alison Vaughan has asked if it is possible for Welsh Government to obtain any HESA information about students with local authorities with student populations.</p> <p>2. Richard Reynolds from Carmarthenshire County Council attended the meeting and will need to be added to the attendee list.</p> <p>Other than those points, the minutes from the September 2015 meeting were accepted as an accurate record. Action points from this meeting were discussed with most having been closed.</p> <p><i>Action Point 1: Data on the number of food-banks will be improved when resources allow.</i></p> <p><i>Action Point 4: Janine Edwards provided a comment that she has been producing labour force projections at the UA level for a number of years and would be happy to share her work with other WSLC members.</i></p> <p><i>Action Point 5: GJ commented that WG have published a first report on administrative data (linked in newsletter) which used data from SAIL for the Supporting People project.</i></p> <p>It was agreed that given the clash with the Data Unit intelligence event and to reduce travel and admin costs, WSLC would only meet 3 times in 2016, with one meeting being in North Wales and the other two in South Wales. It was suggested by PB &amp; AS that turning these meetings into webinars or using video conferencing during these meetings would be extremely useful.</p>	<p><b>Action: SL and GJ to ask Janine to share her work on labour force projections at future WSLC meeting</b></p> <p><b>Action: WG Higher Education statistics to provide data on students at term-time address by LA</b></p>
3	<b>Review of information papers</b>	
	<p><b>WSLC (2015 09) 03 - Welsh Government Latest News</b></p> <p>Welsh Government (WG) is aiming to get StatsWales more open so that, for example, you could easily find all of the data relating to one local authority and re-use data on your own websites.</p> <p>Area analysis of child deprivation has been published, it focuses on six/seven indicators that the WG had data for, rather than producing a child index. YS pointed out that data published at local authority level would be extremely</p>	

	<p>useful. SL &amp; GJ noted that some data at local authority level will be available on StatsWales.</p> <p><b>WSLC (2015 09) 04 – Demography Update</b></p> <p>In response to a request by email from Janine Edwards, GJ confirmed that household projections for National Parks will be released sometime in early 2016 with a release date to be set shortly.</p> <p><b>WSLC (2015 09) 05 – Data Unit update</b></p> <p>GP registrations data will be continued at National Level.</p> <p><b>WSLC (2015 09) 06 – National Survey</b></p> <p>Three year combined data tables have been released on StatsWales, which allows greater detail to be published but not all of the data is at local authority level.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Population assessments</b>	
	<p>AS gave a presentation on the Data Unit's new population assessments data catalogue. He emphasised that the population assessments focused more on individual needs and what local authorities need to do to meet these individual needs. The population assessment was described as a clear and specific evidence base in relation to care, support needs, carers' needs and to inform various planning and operational decisions.</p> <p>The aim of the catalogue is to improve the quality of population assessments and their consistency. The draft catalogue was out for consultation until 14 December and the bilingual 'working' version should be out by the end of 2015.</p>	<b>Action: All members to inform AS of any missing information they feel should be on the draft population assessments catalogue.</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Interactive Tools for Transport Accidents in Wales</b>	
	<p>LT gave a demonstration of the <i>Interactive Tool for Transport Accidents in Wales</i> which has been produced by the WG Transport Statistics team. The map tool allows a user to look at any incident recorded by the police that has occurred on a public highway since 1979, these incidents can be broken down into groups such as local authority, police force, road users and severity.</p> <p>LT highlighted various loading issues and it was suggested that clusters could be used instead of each individual case to stop the loading issues. The data is available as CSV or google fusion tables via a link on the webpage. Disclosure issues were raised, but LT confirmed that personal information from a police report isn't included in the data.</p> <p>The interactive tool can be found at <a href="http://gov.wales/topics/transport/road-users/road-safety-framework/road-safety-map?lang=en">http://gov.wales/topics/transport/road-users/road-safety-framework/road-safety-map?lang=en</a>.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Welsh Language Survey results</b>	
	<p>MP gave a presentation on the <i>Welsh Language Survey 2013-15</i>, published 26 November 2015 by WG and the Welsh Language Commissioner. The report covers how fluently and frequently people speak Welsh in Wales. It follows the interim report <i>National Survey for Wales 2013-14: Welsh Language Use Survey</i> with the main addition being Local Authority level analysis. MP emphasised that the report was a supplement to census data which is still the key source for Welsh Language data.</p> <p>There were discussions about data available at a Local Authority level, and how Welsh local authorities could use this information. MP &amp; GJ suggested some data would be available at Local Authority level and that the report was a</p>	

	<p>one-off report which provides a headline view of Local Authority pictures, and could be combined with census data to feed into well-being assessments and policy work.</p> <p>The report can be found <a href="http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/Welsh-language-use-survey/?lang=en">at http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/Welsh-language-use-survey/?lang=en</a>.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Statistical Focus on Religion in Wales</b>	
	<p>SL and SC presented the main findings of the <i>Statistical Focus on Religion in Wales</i> report, published 27 October 2015. The release was produced using the question on religion that has appeared in the last two censuses (2001, 2011).</p> <p>SC noted that his team are currently updating StatsWales cubes with Local Authority breakdowns to be published later this month.</p> <p>The release can be found at <a href="http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/census-population/?lang=en">http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/census-population/?lang=en</a>.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Information Sharing</b>	
	Due to time restrictions item 8 was not covered.	
<b>9</b>	<b>Dewis Cymru</b>	
	<p>RP gave a demonstration of the <i>Dewis Cymru</i> site which he described as “The national citizens portal for well-being information in Wales.” Dewis Cymru has been designed with web pages and a resource directory which can be used to find well-being information and local services. The Dewis Cymru site has been built in close consultation with the public to make it as effective as possible.</p> <p>The site is available on all platforms and is being developed to make it more accessible to those with learning disabilities, and to develop its Family Information Services (FIS) functionality. It’s currently live in North Wales and should be live in Cardiff and Vale, and Cwm Taf in the new year. There was a discussion about the cost of running the site and RP said that the cost would be considerably reduced compared to the current situation due to it being developed and hosted centrally reducing costs and avoiding duplication.</p> <p>The site can be found at <a href="http://www.dewis.wales/">http://www.dewis.wales/</a></p>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Future Generations National Indicators</b>	
	<p>RC presented the Future Generations National Indicators. Consultation on the 40 indicators has been open since 19 October and closes on 11 January 2016. The key criteria for the indicators are that the number of indicators is kept to a minimum, they resonate with the public, they are coherent and fit together, and they measure all of Wales.</p> <p>RC emphasised that the indicators are there to provide a narrative for Wales and how Wales is progressing against the well-being goals; they are not a task list or performance indicators for Local Authorities.</p> <p>There was a discussion around well-being assessments and the timing of the Future Trends report and whether Local Authorities would have to re-submit their well-being assessments once the Future Trends report is published – AC to find out. The new guidance for Local Authorities to produce situation and response analysis was also discussed – AMM said that the guidance was a tool to show what a good assessment could look like and Local Authorities weren’t expected to get it right first time.</p>	<p><b>Action: AC to find out if Local Authorities would have to re-submit their well-being assessments once the Future Trends report was published.</b></p>

	<p>GJ asked for the general feelings about the indicators. Many members raised concerns from colleagues about National Survey data being used for the indicators, but suggested that these concerns were just because of a lack of understanding about the National Survey and that the robust quality of the National Survey isn't promoted enough.</p> <p>GJ, RC &amp; AC welcomed everyone's responses (which can be submitted via the online form or by completing a word document).</p>	
<b>11</b>	<b>National Park projections and Population projections</b>	
	<p>GJ presented a report on projections of future population sizes, specifically those of National Parks up until 2028.</p> <p>The release and StatsWales tables were released on 21 October 2015.</p> <p>The release can be found at <a href="http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/population-projections-national-parks/?lang=en">http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/population-projections-national-parks/?lang=en</a>.</p>	
<b>12</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	<p>StatsWales is becoming fully bilingual and an announcement will be made when the bilingual site is launched. Economic and population cubes will be bilingual shortly.</p> <p>It was suggested that at future meetings each local authority member of the Committee should give a summary of the position of their council with regards to population and needs assessments, so that they could be discussed in the following meeting with a standing agenda item.</p> <p>GJ also suggested about inviting a speaker from the older people's commissioner.</p>	<b>Action: secretariat to commission short updates from LA members regarding needs assessments ahead of next meeting</b>
	The next WSLC meeting will be held in April 2016 in Cardiff. Date to be confirmed.	<b>Secretariat to confirm date with Members</b>

### Summary of Action Points

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2	<b>All members to inform AS of any missing information they feel should be on the data catalogue.</b>
3	<b>AC to find out if Local Authorities would have to re-submit their well-being assessments once the Future Trends report was published.</b>
4	<b>Secretariat to commission short updates from LA members regarding needs assessments ahead of next meeting</b>
5	<b>Secretariat to confirm next meeting date with Members</b>