

## Household Analysis Review Group (HARG)

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#### Terms of reference and membership

#### Introduction

This paper summarises the current remit, working arrangements and membership of the Household Analysis Review Group (HARG).

Since the last meeting in November 2016 there have been a number of developments in NRS household statistics as well as changes to the Group's membership. So this seems an appropriate time to confirm whether the purpose and membership of the Group is still appropriate, and how it should best carry out its business.

#### Purpose and remit

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/user-consultations-groups-and-seminars/the-household-analysis-review-group-harg>

The group will be concerned with the household estimates and projections produced by the National Records of Scotland (NRS). Its overall purpose is to assist NRS to:

- a) maintain relevant good quality official household estimates and projections;
- b) develop small area household estimates;
- c) provide users with sound advice on the basis of household estimates and projections and their use.

To achieve its purpose, HARG will review and advise NRS on:

- a) the need for and uses made of the NRS household estimates and projections;
- b) the data sources used to compile estimates and projections and possible alternatives;
- c) the methodologies used to compile estimates and projections and possible alternatives;
- d) the approaches used to consult/ inform all users on methodological and data issues.

#### Membership

Since the last meeting of HARG in November 2016, a number of people (not least from NRS) have stood down from its membership, e.g. through retirement or moving to new jobs. We have recently attempted to refresh the membership list – see Annex A for the current version – but would be interested in any suggestions for additional members.

#### Reporting Arrangements

HARG reports to the Population and Migration Statistics (PAMS) committee. It also previously linked in to the Scotstat consultation framework through the Built Environment Statistics Advisory Committee (BESAC). However, BESAC has not met in a number of years as consultation with users

is now more focussed on individual projects such as the Scottish Household Survey Questionnaire Review and one-off user events such as the Private Rented Sector event on 26 June.

### **Frequency of Meetings**

It is proposed that most of the business of the HARG be carried out by correspondence, but that it should meet in person at least once a year with more frequent meetings as necessary, eg to discuss one-off issues.

### **Summary**

Members of the Group are asked to comment on the current purpose, remit and membership of HARG, and on the proposed working arrangements going forward.

**National Records of Scotland**  
**June 2019**

**Household Analysis Review Group  
Membership as at 6 June 2018**

**Annex A**

Sandy Taylor (chair)	National Records of Scotland: Household Statistics
Ada Yiu	City of Edinburgh Council
Alan Ferrier	National Records of Scotland: Demographic Statistics
Anne Grove	Scottish Government: Planning
Charles Brown	Scottish Government: Centre for Housing Market Analysis
Debbie McLean	Scottish Government: Policy on planning for homes
Denise Patrick	National Records of Scotland: Population and Migration Statistics
Dorothy McDonald	Clydeplan
Duncan Gray	Shelter
Fionna Kell	Homes for Scotland
Graham Galloway	National Records of Scotland: Household Statistics
Lesley Mann	North Lanarkshire Council
Lisa Bullen	Scottish Government: Housing Supply Unit
Paul McNamara	Stirling Council
Sarah Nodwell	Scottish Water
Stefania Sechi	National Records of Scotland: Household Statistics
Steve McGowan	Glasgow Council
Steve Morley	North Ayrshire Council