

## HOUSEHOLD PROJECTIONS USER CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Authority/Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

### Introduction

The aim of this questionnaire is to find out about the current and potential uses of household projections by local authorities; the extent to which the biennial official projections produced by the Scottish Executive are used and to seek your views on priorities for the development of the official projections. The Household Analysis Review Group will use the responses from local authorities and other users in setting its workplan for the next few years.

### Uses made of household projections

1. Does your authority use household projections – either the official projections, or projections from another source - for any of the following?

(Tick all that apply) (✓)

Possible uses:	Official projections	Other source
a) Assessments of Strategic Housing Requirements		
b) Assessments of Local Housing Requirements		
c) Assessments of Special Housing Needs (e.g. Sheltered, Amenity & Medium Dependency)		
d) Provision of Educational Services		
e) Provision of Health Services		
f) Provision of Social Services		
g) Provision of Leisure or Cultural Facilities		
h) Transport/Communications Planning		
i) Water/Sewage Facilities Planning		
j) Any other use		

Please give details of any other uses:

2. Which of the following published outputs use either official household projections or household projections from another source?

(Tick all that apply) (✓)

Published output:	Official projections	Other source
a) Statutory Housing Plan		
b) Local Development Plans		
c) Structure Plan		
d) Local Housing System Analysis (Scottish Homes)		
e) Other Plans/Strategy Documents		
f) Other published outputs.		

Please give details of any other uses:

3. Household projections might also be used for a range of more general purposes such as to support in-house research or analytical work. Please give details below of any additional uses which your council makes of household projections – either the official projections or projections from another source:

Any other uses:

**Sources/ types of household projections used.**

4.1 Does your authority/organisation undertake any more detailed household projections using the official data as baseline e.g. sub-Council area projections?	Y/N
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If yes, please say what additional detail is provided:

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4.2 Does your authority/organisation currently undertake its own household projections using its own methodology?	Y/N
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4.3 Does your authority/organisation currently use household projections provided by an external agency (other than the Scottish Executive)?	Y/N
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If so, please indicate why you don't use official figures e.g. timing, detail, geography etc  
If yes to question 4.3 could you indicate the name of the external agency

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### Priorities for development of household projections

5. The official household projections at present give, for each council and structure plan area, a 14 year projection (the 1998 based projections were from 1998 to 2012). These are shown in the bulletin for all households and each of 4 basic household types and further breakdowns by seven household types although not published, are currently made available on request to councils, provided that the numbers are not too small:

Basic Household Types	Seven Household Types
1 person;	1 person: male
1 adult and 1 or more children	1 person: female
2+ adults and 1+ children	1 adult and 1 child
2+ adults	1 adult and 2+ children
	2+ adults and 1+ children
	2 adults
	3+ adults

Further tables are given for projected households by age group of head of household by household type (by five categories of household type – the four above but with single person split male and female) for Scotland as a whole and average household size. In addition for Scotland as a whole, a table is published giving a breakdown by each of the seven household types.

How useful would it be to breakdown these projections further?

	Very useful	Useful	Limited Use	Not Useful
5.1 For the full 16 year period of the population projections.				
5.2 For additional household types (other than the full seven which are currently available)				
5.3 Make them routinely available for more than the basic four household types				

5.3 If you have answered 'useful' or 'very useful' to question 5.2, or 5.3 please describe briefly the additional types of household for which would be useful to have projections and the sorts of uses which would be made of the figures:

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5.4 Assuming the production of increased numbers of household types would increase the time taken for publication, could you indicate below which is of most importance to you:

Earlier publication of projections (1) or additional household types (5)?

Earlier publication	← please circle one of the numbers below to indicate a preference → (choose 3 for none)					Additional household types
	1	2	3	4	5	

**Assessment of methodology**

6. The Scottish Executive projects numbers of households by extrapolating headship rates from trends over one or more previous decades – using detailed information on headship patterns from the 10 yearly population censuses. [A full description of the methodology can be found on the HARG website at [www.scotland.gov.uk/housing/harg](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/housing/harg) ]. Do you have any comments on and suggestions for improvement to the methodology? Please bear in mind that any methodology must be applicable to all areas in Scotland.

7. For the most recent - 1998 based - projections, projected numbers of households by size for each council were constrained to ensure that the number and pattern of households by size was consistent with the projected total number of adults in the population. [[See methodology note on the website for methodological details](#)]. Do you have any comments on and suggestions for improvement to this methodology? Please bear in mind that any methodology must be applicable to all areas in Scotland.



Please return this questionnaire by **10<sup>th</sup> August** either by Email or post to:

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Please indicate below a contact with whom we may discuss any of the points raised in the responses to the questionnaire. If you or anyone in your council wishes to be kept in touch with the work of the Household Analysis Review Group please provide contact details, if possible including Email addresses, below.

**Council:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone/E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in being kept in touch with the work of the Household Analysis Review Group.  
 (please note, it is not necessary to fill in details here if they have already been given on the household estimates questionnaire)

Name	Telephone	Email

Alternatively information about the work of the group is posted on the Household Analysis Review Group internet page, along with methodological guidance and the latest estimates and projections publications (in PDF format) and tables (in Excel format). [[www.scotland.gov.uk/housing/harg](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/housing/harg)]