



Department for  
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Local Government

# **DCLG Statistics User Engagement Day**

Department for Communities and Local Government

Eland House

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## Programme (provisional)

09:45 – 10:00	Arrive		
10:00 - 10:45	Introduction by David Fry (DCLG's Head of Profession for Statistics) Key note speaker – Will Moy, Full Fact		
10:45 – 11:00	Tea/ Coffee		
11:00 – 12:30	Parallel Session 1		
	1.1 Social housing supply, lettings and sales	1.2 Local Government Finance	1.3 Dissemination approaches
12:30 – 13:15	Lunch break		
13:15 – 14:45	Parallel Session 2		
	2.1 House building and supply	2.2 Indices of Deprivation	2.3 Homelessness
14:45 – 15:00	Tea/ Coffee		
15:00 – 16:30	Parallel Session 3		
	3.1 Planning and Land Use	3.2 Fire	3.3 English Housing Survey
16:30 – 16:45	Wrap up		

## **Parallel Sessions**

### ***Parallel Session 1 (11:00 – 12:30)***

#### **1.1: Social Housing Supply, Lettings and Sales**

Confused by affordable housing supply data? Baffled by Right to Buy numbers? Flummoxed by social lettings statistics? (or just a bit curious to know more)... If so, this session is for you. You'll find out about what key statistics the Department produces in these areas and how they fit with other data. You'll also be able to provide us with feedback and influence what information we collect and how it is presented and disseminated.

#### **1.2: Local Government Finance Statistics**

Do you complete DCLG forms on Local Government Finance and wonder what we do with them? Or do you use our statistics and want to influence the information we publish? If so then this session is for you. A series of short presentations will illustrate the key role our users play at every stage in the production of our statistics and what steps we are taking to improve this process. There will be lots of opportunities for delegates to contribute their views on our statistics and shape our plans for the future.

#### **1.3: Dissemination Approaches**

This session will look at how we communicate key statistics to our users including the use of social media; our programme of peer reviews of statistical releases to improve how we report our statistics to our users; and the work we are doing opening up our data to allow users to easily re-use data in other applications through our Open Data and transparency programme.

## ***Parallel Session 2 (13:15 – 14:45)***

### **2.1: House Building and Supply**

This is a session focussing on how we present the data in our House building, Housing Supply, Dwelling Stock, Housing Market Indicators and Household Projections publications. It's an interactive session looking at the ways we currently publish data, the changes we have made this year, and to ask what you would like to change and how we could help you to utilise our data more easily. It will also be an opportunity for you to share how you analyse our data and to look at ways to enhance analysis of housing supply, housing markets and demographic demand.

### **2.2: Updating the English Indices of Deprivation**

DCLG is preparing to update the Indices of Deprivation which provide a relative measure of deprivation at small-area level across England. The updated Indices will be based on the existing multiple deprivation model used in the 2010 Indices of Deprivation and retain comparable domains. But before producing updated Indices, we intend to review existing deprivation indicators and methodology, and consider potential new data sources. This review will commence in 2014 and will be informed by user engagement, but this session provides users with an early opportunity to give views.

During the session we will invite users' views on:

- Indicators of deprivation, including suitability of current data sources and indicators, ideas for new data sources, and potential changes to indicators
- Whether statistical methods used in the Indices (shrinkage estimation and factor analysis) are still justified.
- Outputs and dissemination.

### **2.3: Homelessness**

This session focuses on statutory homelessness data from two perspectives, specifically, the collection process, and the use of the data. We will discuss whether any additional data ought to be collected, and whether any existing items could be removed from the form. We will also explore the processes local authorities go through to collect the data. We hope to generate a lot of discussion and ideas of how to get the most from the data we collect and mitigate the burden on local authorities.

## ***Parallel Session 3 (15:00 – 16:30)***

### **3.1: Planning and Land Use**

We invite you to help shape how our statistics show the operation of planning and land use change. Our statistics cover local authority planning decisions, green belt areas and land use change. We are reviewing the data return for planning decisions and will invite your comments on proposed changes. We would also like to hear your views on the annual Green Belt statistics. Our Land Use Change Statistics are entering an exciting period as a new contract with Ordnance Survey provides the opportunity to review the data collected and the way we analyse the changes.

### **3.2: Fire and Rescue Statistics**

This session will cover key fire and rescue data sources (Fire and Rescue Incident Recording System, non-financial annual returns, CIPFA data), and DCLG fire statistics publications: Fire Statistics Monitor, Fire Statistics Great Britain, Fire Incidents Response Times, Fire and Rescue Operational Statistics. We will provide an overview and explain how they have evolved in recent years. In addition we will look at the latest developments in our publications, particularly visualisation and interactive tables. There will be discussion and questions, for example to elicit suggestions of how users might like our publications to evolve further.

### **3.3: English Housing Survey**

The English Housing Survey is a continuous national survey commissioned by DCLG. It collects a wide range of information about people's housing circumstances and the condition and energy efficiency of housing in England. The survey underpins the department's housing policies, and has been instrumental in, for example, the development of the Help to Buy and Right to Buy schemes. We would like to hear from users of the English Housing Survey - we want to find out more about how our information is accessed and used, so that we can better meet user needs.

## Directions to Eland House



### 1. Eland House

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Bressenden Place  
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### **On Arrival**

Please report to reception upon arrival. The event will begin at 10am, so please ensure you arrive in time to collect your security pass prior to the start of the event.