

## International Steering Group – Note of Key Points

14<sup>th</sup> March 2024: 8 am – 9.00 am (BST)

### Attending

Professor James Brown – UTS

Professor Sir Ian Diamond - ONS

Jon Wroth-Smith - NRS

Esta Clark - NRS

David Rowley - NRS

Benjamin Little - NRS

Ralph McDevitt - NRS

James McCrum – NRS

Alexander Thom - NRS

### Key Actions

1. The chair welcomed everyone and noted that this would be the last ISG meeting. NRS formally thanked all ISG members for their contributions over the years.
2. The focus of the meeting was on quality of Scotland's Census 2022 data. NRS presented analysis of response rates for various geographies and by some measures and characteristics.
3. ISG were content with the evidence presented and conclusions drawn and noted that they were content with the quality of the census results. They concluded that it was reassuring that patterns of non-response, whilst relatively larger than in 2011, reflected similar expected patterns to previous censuses.
4. It was agreed that ISG members would review an NRS blog on census data quality before it is published.
5. A final meeting would also be held between NRS and ONS colleagues so that they could also review the material presented today as unfortunately they were not able to make this meeting.