

International Steering Group – Note of Key Points

17th August 2023 : 9 am – 10 am (BST)

Attending

Professor James Brown – UTS

Owen Abbott – ONS

Alastair McAlpine – SG

Sir Ian Diamond – UK National Statistician

Esta Clark – NRS

Lynsey Bunnefeld – NRS

David Rowley – NRS

Ralph Mcdevitt – NRS

Jonathan Wroth-Smith - NRS

Esther Roughsedge – NRS

Key Actions

1. NRS presented more information on the estimation modelling approach, the key principals followed and techniques used.
2. NRS presented more information on the household adjustment, explaining that bias adjustments were made only to those areas where the NRS household estimates were outside the confidence intervals of the estimates. If they were, then an adjustment was made to the census estimate so that the upper bound of the confidence interval matched the NRS household estimate.
3. ISG agreed that they were satisfied with the information presented and discussed the statement they might make at time of publication.
4. Post meeting, the following statement was agreed by ISG:

The International Steering Group commends NRS for its systematic and robust application of the [census estimation methodology](#) that has led to today's published estimates.

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