

Census Data Quality Advisory Working Group – Note for Population and Migration Statistics (PAMS)

The purpose of this note is to outline the membership and scope of the Census Data Quality Advisory Working Group for discussion and approval.

Membership

An invitation to join the group was circulated around Population & Migration Statistics (PAMS) members and contacts from the ScotStat register who had registered an interest in Census or population. Additionally, Census Liaison Officers (CLOs) have been contacted.

Each respondent has been recorded with the level of interest they had expressed (either to be involved in the working group or to be kept informed of Census quality assurance plans). This record will be maintained and each respondent will be kept informed of developments in Census data quality assurance.

Ten local authority members were identified through these invitations. These members are:

Local Authority	Working Group Member
Glasgow City	Jan Freeke
Fife	Andrew Ballingall
Highland	Cameron Thomas/Alison Clark
Dundee City	Tony Jenkins
North Ayrshire	Allison Craig
Stirling/Local Authority Research and Intelligence Association (LARIA)	Paul Davison
Edinburgh City	Alistair Harvey
North Lanarkshire	Lesley Mann/Adele Trainer
Scottish Borders	Heidi Goodship
Aberdeen City	Tom Snowling

It is thought that the local authorities represented cover an appropriate range of areas (e.g. urban/rural/cities).

Terms of Reference

The [Terms of Reference](#) for the Census Data Quality Advisory Working Group are available on the National Records of Scotland (NRS) website.

In particular, it is emphasised that each member is to act in an independent advisory capacity, providing advice on data quality issues that may affect Scotland as a whole, particular local authorities or other levels of Geography, as appropriate. The intention is to

improve the quality of the Census outputs as a whole rather than to reconcile the interests of different users. Data will be shared under controlled conditions and will not be published outside the working group.

If the group decides that it would be useful to involve or contact a local authority not represented on the group, this will be carried out either directly by General Register Office for Scotland (GROS) or by inviting a representative to a meeting of the working group.

Communication

The minutes of the Census Data Quality Advisory Working Group will be circulated round PAMS members and others who have requested to be kept informed of Census data quality assurance plans. Some items may have to be excluded as the work progresses due to data confidentiality.

Documentation on Census data quality assurance plans will be circulated and published.

Templates for collecting information from local authorities to support Census data quality assurance will be circulated round PAMS, CLOs and contacts from the ScotStat register.