

# **Business Population and Demographics Statistics (BPDS) User Group Terms of Reference**

## **Purpose**

To provide a forum for discussion of statistics and statistical research on the business population and demographics.

- To promote awareness of both existing sources and emerging analysis.
- To improve understanding of the differences and similarities between different sources, their strengths and weaknesses, and which sources best suit different uses.
- To identify and discuss emerging statistical needs and gaps in availability of statistics and metadata.

In particular, an opportunity for discussion between producers of key National Statistics and users where:

- Users can provide feedback on which publications they use and for what purpose.
- Producers and users can be kept informed of any important developments in each of the National Statistics publications and future release dates.
- Users and producers can make suggestions for changes or improvements to the publications.

## **Membership**

The User Group will include producers of the key National Statistics<sup>1</sup>, and be open to users based in central and local government, academia and the private sector.

The group will be chaired by BEIS and ONS, and will be rotated every year.

## **Frequency of meetings**

The User Group will meet once a year.

Updates will be circulated via email in the interim as required.

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<sup>1</sup> This consists of the following publications: [Business population estimates \(BEIS\)](#), [UK business: activity, size and location \(ONS\)](#), [Business demography \(ONS\)](#), [Businesses in Scotland \(Scottish Government\)](#), [Size analysis of businesses \(Welsh Government\)](#) and [Facts and Figures from the Inter Departmental Business Register \(NISRA\)](#).