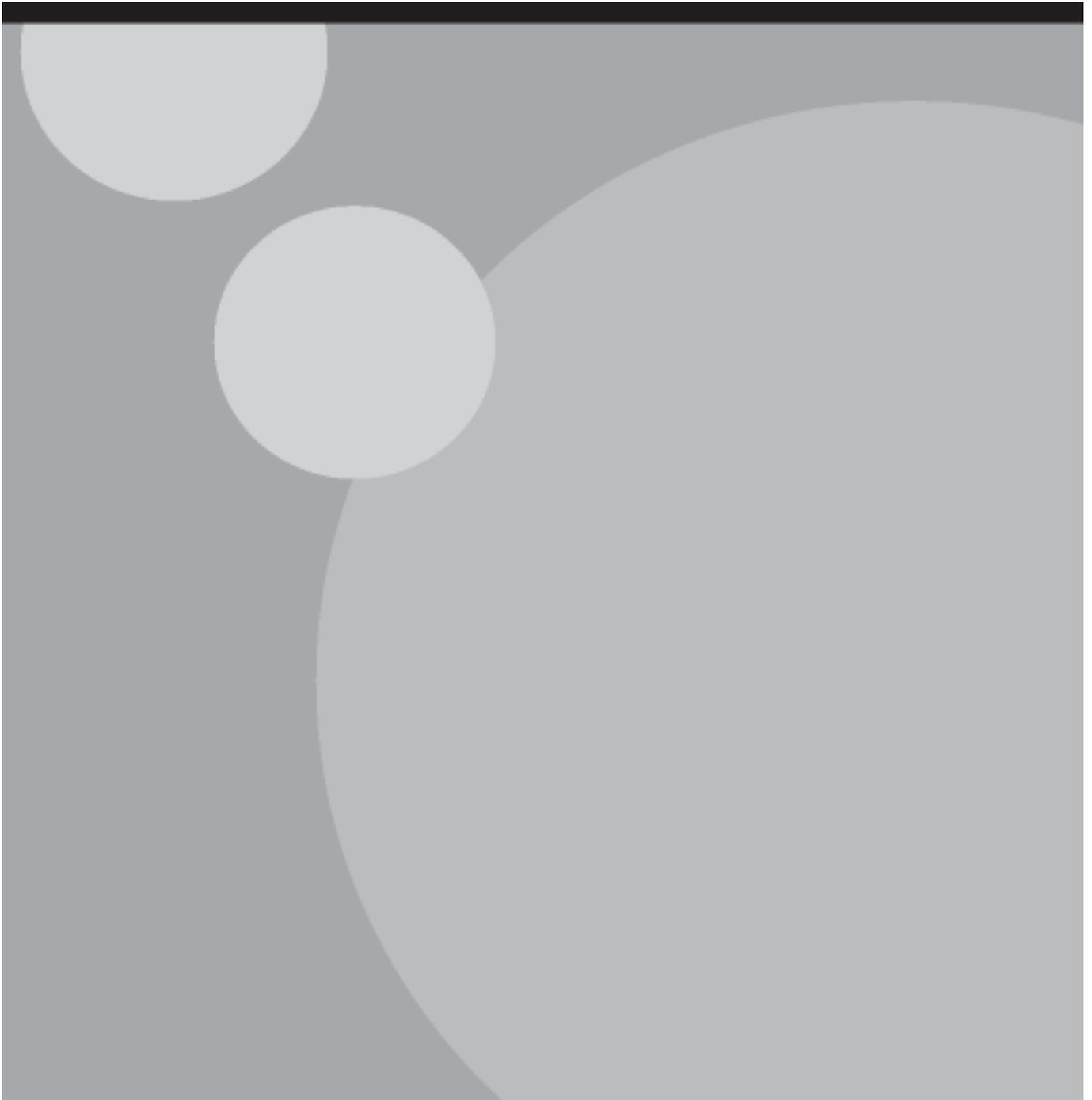




Draft Statistics Plan for 2011/12

Consultation



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About this consultation

Scope of the consultation

Topic of this consultation:	The appended document entitled <i>Draft Statistics Plan for 2011/12 – Consultation</i> describes our proposals for collecting and publishing official statistics over the period April 2011 to March 2012.
Scope of this consultation:	<p>We are seeking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• users' views on the extent to which our planned deployment of resources will meet their needs for a range of official statistics covering the Department's responsibilities• users' reactions to our proposals for either retaining; realigning; re-engineering; or curtailing our existing portfolio of official statistics products• suggestions from existing users or potential users for the development of any new statistics, products or services• suggestions from providers for any further reductions in the amount of data we collect and publish• information from users about the particular uses to which they put our statistics. <p>The responses to this consultation will be considered alongside the submissions we received in response to the Department's earlier public consultation on the <i>Single Data List</i> where the focus was on our statistical sources and surveys.</p>
Geographical scope:	The majority of the department's official statistics relate to 'England'. Some of our statistical series, however, cover either 'England and Wales' or the 'United Kingdom'.
Impact assessment:	An impact assessment is not required because this is a technical consultation covering statistical outputs.

Basic information

To:	Any person or body who provides data for; or uses; or has a strong interest in, the Department's official statistics e.g. members of any relevant statistics user groups; businesses; local authorities; voluntary organisations; academics, etc
Body/bodies responsible for the consultation:	The Support Unit attached to the Department's Head of Profession for Statistics.
Duration:	<p>Start date: 13 April 2011</p> <p>End date: extended from 16 May to 3 June 2011</p> <p>Duration: 6 weeks</p>
Enquiries:	<p>Requests for further information should be directed, in the first instance, to:</p> <p>James Denman Tel: 030 344 44193 James.denman@communities.gov.uk</p>
How to respond:	<p>Formal responses should be submitted by e-mail to:</p> <p>StatShop@communities.gov.uk</p>
Additional ways to become involved:	The consultation will be conducted purely as a written exercise. Known providers/users will be contacted by e-mail and invited to participate.
After the consultation:	<p>We will publish a summary of the responses received on the Consultations page of the Department's website</p> <p>Those responses will also inform the final, published version of our <i>Statistics Plan</i> covering the year ending March 2012.</p>

<p>Compliance with the Code of Practice on Consultation:</p>	<p>In every respect apart from its duration, this consultation complies with both the government's <i>Code of Practice on Consultation</i> and the UK Statistics Authority's <i>Code of Practice for Official Statistics</i>.</p> <p>We are running this consultation for four weeks rather than the recommended 12 weeks because it is a technical consultation confined to statistical outputs and, therefore, has a mainly specialist, and easily targeted, audience.</p>
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Background

<p>Getting to this stage:</p>	<p>The proposals presented in this consultation were informed by an internal review of the Department's official statistics, and reflect the financial constraints under which all government departments are now operating as a result of the Comprehensive Spending Review.</p> <p>Many local authorities will have already conveyed their views on our data collection activities in the context of the Department's earlier public consultation on the <i>Single Data List</i>. Their earlier views will be considered alongside the submissions we receive in response to this consultation where the focus is more on our range of statistical products.</p>
<p>Previous engagement:</p>	<p>This is the first consultation of its kind. Henceforth, similar exercises are likely to be run on an annual basis.</p>

Foreword

We are publishing this first draft of our Statistics Plan for the coming year in the context of the Department's overall Business Plan for the years 2011-15¹ and in accordance with the requirements set out in the *Code of Practice for Official Statistics*.²

Our Plan covers the period April 2011 to March 2012 and sets out our draft proposals for delivering statistical products and services which are intended to meet the needs of users (both internal or external); serve the public good; and match the professional standards for 'official statistics'³ set out in the Code of Practice.

We will publish a final version of the Plan once we have considered, and where appropriate acted on, any submissions we receive in response to this consultation, as well as the submissions we have already received in response to the Department's earlier consultation on the *Single Data List*⁴.

We welcome comments and views on our Plan, and suggestions for changes, from anyone who provides data for; uses; or has a strong interest in; the Department's official statistics.

Janet Dougharty
Head of Profession for Statistics

¹ Link to DCLG's Business Plan - <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/businessplan2010>

² Link to the Code of Practice – <http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/code-of-practice/index.html>

³ Link to the definition of official statistics - <http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/national-statistician/ns-guidance-and-reports/national-statistician-s-guidance/index.html>

⁴ Link to DCLG's consultation on the Single Data List - <http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/decentralisation/tacklingburdens/databurdens/>

1. Overview of official statistics in DCLG

Official statistics in DCLG

The statistical products and services described in this Plan will be delivered in the context of the overall vision and objectives set out in the Department's strategic Business Plan, and will be managed in a way which helps the Department to carry out its key responsibilities in each of the following areas:

- supporting local government
- housing
- planning and land use
- regeneration
- communities and neighbourhoods
- the Fire and Rescue Service.

Legislative and policy context

The Department produces official statistics in accordance with the suite of statistical legislation that was enacted in 2007 and 2008 with the aim of enhancing public trust and confidence in official statistics, namely:

- the *Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007* which sets out the constitutional and functional arrangements that govern the production of official statistics in the UK
- the UK Government's *Pre-release Access to Official Statistics Order 2008* which sets out the principles and rules governing access to official statistics in their final form before release.

In addition, all of our statistics are managed in a way which meets the best practice standards set out in the statutory *Code of Practice for Official Statistics* published by the UK Statistics Authority - an independent body reporting directly to Parliament which is responsible for overseeing, promoting and safeguarding the production and publication of official statistics that serve the public good.

One of the Authority's key statutory functions is to 'assess' official statistics against their Code of Practice. If the Authority judges a particular set of official statistics to be fully compliant with its *Code of Practice for Official Statistics* it must designate those statistics as 'National Statistics'.

By the same token, all public bodies which produce official statistics labelled as 'National Statistics' have a statutory duty to comply with the Code, as well as with the appropriate Pre-release Access Order. Producers of statistics are also expected to ensure that all their other official statistics follow the best practice principles set out in the Code although, in the latter case, compliance is not formally assessed by the Authority.

Management and deployment of statistical resources

As is the case with the majority of government departments in the UK, DCLG has adopted a decentralised approach to the deployment of Statisticians and their support staff. The majority of our statistical staff are bedded out in whichever administrative or policy area is responsible for the subject-matter covered by their statistics.

Over the initial period covered by this Plan, the department plans to deploy 53 staff (30.9 Whole-time Equivalents) in the specific task of collecting and producing official statistics. Of these staff, 33 (22.1 Whole-time Equivalents) are professional statisticians. As well as undertaking the purely statistical work described in this Plan, many of these staff will also carry out administrative and policy functions. The eventual deployment of these staff, and changes to their numbers over the year, will be managed in accordance with planned reductions in the Department's staffing complement consequent upon the *Department's Structural Reform Plan* (Part C of the *Department's Business Plan for 2011-2015*)

Cost of statistical resources (by theme)

Over the initial period covered by this Plan we expect to incur the following statistical costs in each business area:

Statistical themes	Number of staff				Staff costs (£000)	Other costs (£000)	Total costs (£000)
	Professionals		Support staff				
	Nos.	FTEs	Nos.	FTEs			
Local Government Finance*	4	1.4	6	2.3	175	0	175
Housing and Homelessness	16	11.2	8	4.0	859	3,535	4,394
Planning and Land Use	4	2.6	0	0.0	141	120	261
Deprivation	3	1.1	0	0.0	61	0	61
Communities and Citizenship	3	2.8	0	0.0	50	0	50
Fire and Rescue	3	3.0	2	2.0	252	890	1,142
Other	0	0.0	4	0.5	27	3	30
Totals	33	22.1	20	8.8	1,565	4,548	6,113

* Excludes administrative data collection costs

Professionalism and accountability

All of the Department's Statisticians and their support staff are members of the Government Statistical Service – a cross-government community which forms the glue that binds the UK statistical system together. As well as being accountable to their own line-managers, DCLG statisticians are also professionally accountable to the Department's Head of Profession for Statistics and, through the Head of Profession, to the National Statistician acting in her role as the Head of the Government Statistical Service. The Department's Head of Profession has been appointed by the Permanent Secretary in consultation with the National Statistician, and is supported by the Department's Analytical Champion.

Statistical portfolio

The Department currently publishes over 60 statistical products on either a regular or ad hoc basis using data gathered from a mixture of administrative and statistical sources. Of these, 26 (43 per cent) are designated as National Statistics products – a label which signifies that they have been judged to be fully compliant with the Code of Practice, pending a formal assessment of compliance by the UK Statistics Authority. To date, five sets of the Department's statistical products have been assessed by the Authority and, in each case, their National Statistics designation has been confirmed subject to the Department implementing a number of professional and managerial requirements highlighted by the Authority. We also publish a large range of supporting Tables to accompany some of our statistical releases/publications.

Publication and dissemination

Users, and the public more generally, can access all of our statistical products and services, and accompanying metadata, by clicking on the 'Statistics' area of the Department's website. The Department's statistics are also accessible from the Publication Hub – a portal website administered by the Office for National Statistics which operates as the executive office of the UK Statistics Authority. The Hub provides links to all of the National Statistics published across the UK. Users who are more interested in DCLG data disaggregated to the small area level can also use the Office for National Statistic's Neighbourhood Statistics Service.

Click on the links below to access these three sites:

DCLG – Statistics website:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/corporate/researchandstatistics/statistics/>

UK Statistics Authority - Publication Hub:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/hub/>

ONS – Neighbourhood Statistics website:

<http://neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/>

Links with users

We maintain close links with our user community and our corporate approach to customer relationship management is set out in our *User Engagement Strategy*. To view this document, click on the link below:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/engagementstrategystatistics>

Arms-length producers

In 2009, and in accordance with Section 6(1) of the *Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007*, DCLG ministers in the previous administration decreed that three of the non-crown bodies sponsored by the Department should also be treated as ‘producers of official statistics’ and all three were named as such in a series of Official Statistics Orders⁵. However, the statistical activities of these arms-length bodies have not been included in this Plan.

⁵ The three non-crown bodies listed in these orders are: the Audit Commission, the Homes and Communities Agency, and the Tenant Services Authority (Regulator of Social Housing).

2. Key activities undertaken over the past year

Reviews / public consultations

During the past year we launched a number of public consultations on a range of proposals that had emerged from reviews of our data collections and statistical end-products. These consultations are summarised below, along with their launch dates:

Statistics on land use change, commercial floor space and town centre/retail development

On 16 February 2010 we launched a seven-week consultation incorporating our proposals for changing the frequency of publication and coverage of these statistics. Our subsequent response was published on 15 October.

Household projections

On 1 March 2010 we launched a six week public consultation on technical changes to the methods and outputs for the household projections. Our subsequent response to the submissions received was published on 6 August. The proposed changes were adopted for the 2008-based household projections published in November 2010.

Place Survey

On 30 March 2010 we launched a six-week consultation designed to inform the content, guidance and outputs of the 2010 Place Survey. The decision was taken, subsequently, to cancel all further surveys in this series.

Indices of Deprivation

Also on 30 March 2010 we launched a six-week consultation seeking users' views on our plans for the English Indices of Deprivation. Our subsequent response was published on 28 February 2011.

Rough sleeping statistics

On 23 July 2010 we launched a six-week consultation describing proposals for changes to our guidance on assessing the extent of rough sleeping in each area. Our response was published on 14 September 2010.

English Housing Survey

On 13 August 2010 we launched a five-week consultation on a set of cost-savings measures proposed for the 2011/12 English Housing Survey. Our response to the submissions received was published on 16 December 2010.

Citizenship Survey

On 1 November 2010 we launched a one-month consultation on the future of the Citizenship Survey outlining our intention to cancel future surveys once the 2010/11 survey had run its course. Our subsequent response to the submissions received was published on 17 March 2011 and incorporated the decision to cancel the Survey once the 2010/11 survey had run its course.

Statistics on Fire and Rescue Services

On 26 November 2010 we launched a seven-week consultation seeking views on proposed reductions in the non-financial returns required from the Fire and Rescue Services. Our subsequent response was published on 18 March 2011.

All of the consultation documents described above, and the Department's response to all of the submissions received, can be accessed from the following webpage:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/corporate/publications/consultations/>

Product assessments

Throughout the year, the Department co-operated with the UK Statistics Authority by helping their Assessment Team to carry out their statutory duty to assess all National Statistics for compliance with the *Code of Practice for Official Statistics*. At the time of writing, and since its inception, the Authority has published over 100 individual assessment reports, five of which cover DCLG's official statistics. Further assessments of the Department's statistical products are either ongoing or in the pipeline. The five sets of DCLG statistical products assessed to date were:

- *Council Tax Levels in England*
Report Number 32 published on 31 March 2010
- *Statistics on Collection rates for Council Tax and non-domestic rates in England*
Report Number 46 published on 27 May 2010
- *Statistics from the English Housing Survey*
Report Number 57 published on 30 September 2010
- *Local Government Financial Statistics*
Report Number 63 published on 28 October 2010
- *English Local Authority Capital Expenditure and Receipts, and Revenue Expenditure and Financing*
Report Number 97 published on 7 March 2011.

In each case, the Authority's Assessment Team confirmed the National Statistics status of these products on condition that the Department meets a number of management conditions.

Copies of these Authority's assessment reports can be downloaded from the following webpage:

<http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/assessment/assessment-reports/index.html>

At the time of writing, the following products were still undergoing assessment:

- House building, Net Supply of Housing, Affordable Housing Supply, Social Housing Sales, Local Authority Housing Returns (Housing Strategy Statistical Annex and Business Plan Statistical Annex), Statutory Homelessness
- Land Use Change Statistics, England
- Household Projections (Assessment Report imminent).

Contributions to wider Government Statistical Service initiatives

The Department's Statisticians and their support staff have played a full and active part in corporate initiatives across the Government Statistical Service as well as participating in, and contributing to, a number of cross-cutting Government Statistical Service committees, working groups, and the like. Prominent amongst these are the following activities:

Office for National Statistics Survey Control Unit

The Department has continued to contribute to the work of the Office for National Statistics Survey Control Unit which is responsible, amongst other things, for implementing the Prime Minister's instructions to departments to minimise, monitor and forecast the financial cost to local authorities and businesses of responding to government surveys. The Department's efforts on this front, along with those of other departments, are chronicled in the Office for National Statistics Survey Control Unit's *Annual Report on Government Statistical Surveys of Businesses and Local Authorities*. (To view this report, click on the following link):

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=12732>

Migration and population statistics

The Department worked with the Office for National Statistics and other government departments on the National Statistician's Migration Statistics Improvement Programme and also contributed funds to this initiative.

Population Census

We worked with the Office for National Statistics to help plan the decennial Population Census which took place on 27 March 2011 and also contributed funding towards the costs of the additional questions posed in the census.

Beyond 2011 Project

We also worked with the Office for National Statistics and other departments on a programme of work to explore the feasibility of exploiting administrative data as a future replacement for the traditional Census.

3. Key activities planned over the forthcoming year

Key strategic objectives

The activities detailed in this Plan will be implemented in accordance with the Coalition Government's strategic objectives and, in particular, the need to make departmental savings – as outlined in the Spending Review. We will also be mindful of the key strategic challenges facing the Government Statistical Service which were highlighted by the National Statistician in March 2010 in her statement headed *Statistics Matter*⁶. We will be particularly mindful of the Government's Transparency Agenda and will continue a programme to publish underlying datasets for each of our statistical products, subject to the necessary data protection and confidentiality requirements.

We will continue our involvement in the Single Data List initiative by reviewing and reducing the data collection burden placed on local authorities, and will maintain regular dialogue with data providers, for example through the Central and Local Information Partnership sub-committees covering housing, planning and finance.

Key reviews / public consultations planned

We will conduct a review of social housing and housing strategy data requirements from local authorities, in consultation with the Central Local Information Partnership housing subgroup. This will cover the Housing Strategy Statistical Appendix and Business Planning Statistical Appendix data collections (see Annex 2) and also take account of the recommendations of the Tenant Services Authority's data rationalisation review, the implementation of self-financing for council housing, and other housing policy changes.

The Department will also consider the recommendations which emerge from the National Statistician's ongoing Review of housing market statistics. The conclusions of that review are likely to be announced in May 2011.

⁶ Link to Statistics Matter - <http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/national-statistician/ns-reports--reviews-and-guidance/national-statistician-s-guidance/index.html>

In line with the Government's 'Transparency' agenda, and in liaison with the Fire and Rescue Services, we will pursue plans for making a Fire and Rescue Incident data set available for general public use. In so doing, we will pay due regard to data protection considerations, for example by using suitable anonymisation techniques.

Key product assessments

Over the coming year we expect the UK Statistics Authority's Monitoring and Assessment Team to carry out further assessments of the degree to which the Department's 'legacy' National Statistics and other official statistics comply with the *Code of Practice for Official Statistics*. The current timetable for these planned assessments is shown in the Table below.

Title of product(s)	Current status	Likely start date of assessment*
Housing and Planning Statistics	National Statistics	July 2011
Green Belt Statistics: England	National Statistics	October 2011
Planning Applications	National Statistics	
Fire Statistics Monitor	National Statistics	Q1 2012
Fire Statistics United Kingdom	National Statistics	
Commercial and Industrial Floor Space and Rateable Value Statistics	National Statistics	To be decided
House Price Index	Official Statistics	Awaiting outcome of National Statistician's Review
Indices of Deprivation	Official Statistics	To be decided

* Subject to postponement

Key contributions to wider Government Statistical Service initiatives

We will contribute as necessary to wider Government Statistical Service initiatives to develop new standards and approaches. Specific activities planned for 2011/12 include:

- Office for National Statistics -led efforts to develop a Government Statistical Service Web Dissemination Strategy
- Our continuing involvement in the final year of the cross-departmental programme to improve population and migration statistics
- Our ongoing involvement with the Government Statistical Service Transparency Sub-Group of the Government Statistical Service Presentation and Dissemination Committee which is considering how best to align the Service's policies and procedures with the Government's Transparency Agenda.

4. Consultation criteria

This consultation has been undertaken in accordance with the *Code of Practice on Consultation* issued by the Better Regulation Executive in the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and in line with the Code's seven consultation criteria, which are:

1. Formal consultation should take place at a stage when there is scope to influence the policy outcome;
2. Consultations should normally last for at least 12 weeks with consideration given to longer timescales where feasible and sensible;
3. Consultation documents should be clear about the consultation process, what is being proposed, the scope to influence and the expected costs and benefits of the proposals;
4. Consultation exercises should be designed to be accessible to, and clearly targeted at, those people the exercise is intended to reach;
5. Keeping the burden of consultation to a minimum is essential if consultations are to be effective and if consultees' buy-in to the process is to be obtained;
6. Consultation responses should be analysed carefully and clear feedback should be provided to participants following the consultation;
7. Officials running consultations should seek guidance in how to run an effective consultation exercise and share what they have learned from the experience.

Representative groups are asked to give a summary of the people and organisations they represent, and where relevant who else they have consulted in reaching their conclusions when they respond. Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information regimes (these are primarily the *Freedom of Information Act 2000*, the *Data Protection Act 1998* and the *Environmental Information Regulations 2004*).

If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, under the *Freedom of Information Act*, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals, amongst other things, with obligations of confidence. In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation,

but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the department. The Department of Communities and Local Government will process your personal data in accordance with the *Data Protection Act* and in the majority of circumstances this will mean that your personal data will not be disclosed to third parties.

Individual responses will not be acknowledged unless specifically requested.

Your opinions are valuable to us. Thank you for taking the time to read this document and respond.

Question: Are you satisfied that this consultation has followed these criteria? If not or you have any other observations about how we can improve the process please inform DCLG's Consultation Co-ordinator.

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Annex 1 Statistical theme: Local Government Finance

1. Users and their uses

Users	Uses
Ministers and officials in the Department for Communities and Local Government	The data are used for various purposes including informing the allocation of Grants, calculating contributions to the national non-domestic rates pool, assessing capitalisation requests and monitoring the prudential borrowing system, reserves and general expenditure and financing of local authorities.
HM Treasury	Monitoring of public expenditure to support fiscal forecasting, policy making and measuring growth.
Office for National Statistics	Compilation of the National Accounts and monthly public sector finances.
Other government departments	Most government departments use Local Government Finance statistics to monitor spend and financing for specific service areas relating to their policy area. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, for example, use the data to monitor the cost of waste collection and disposal.
Local government	Benchmarking and cross-comparison of local authority income and expenditure.
Business and the commercial sector	This sector utilises the data to evaluate local authority expenditure patterns and to spot business opportunities e.g. consultancy work.
Opinion-formers/The media	The media are interested in a range of local government finance data including Council Tax levels, collection rates, and other aspects of local authority finance (e.g. exposure to Icelandic banks). In addition they have interest in expenditure on various service lines, reserve levels and income through sales, fees and charges e.g. parking charges.

2. Planned Products (during the period)

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
Local authority capital expenditure and receipts: England final outturn	National Statistics	Annual	Capital Outturn Returns	Retain	To meet HM Treasury's requirements for macro-economic monitoring, reporting and planning, and to feed into the Office for National Statistics' compilation of the National Accounts. Also used by local authorities and other government departments.
Local authority capital expenditure and receipts: England forecast	National Statistics	Annual	Capital Estimate Returns	Retain	Required by HM Treasury for public finance forecasting, and by Local Government Finance policy colleagues to monitor local authority capital expenditure and financing and the prudential system.
Local Authority capital expenditure and receipts: England provisional outturn	National Statistics	Annual	Capital Payments and Receipts Return (CPR4)	Retain	As per first row. Earlier schedule is key to Office for National Statistics and HM Treasury timetables for statistical publications, and planning of public finances.
Local Authority capital expenditure and receipts: England second provisional outturn	National Statistics	Annual	Capital Outturn Returns	Retain	This release contains the headline information that is published in a timely fashion before the detail in the final outturn is ready. This ensures that users have the headline statistics as soon as possible.

2. Planned Products (during the period)- continued

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: England budget	National Statistics	Annual	Revenue Accounts Budgets (RA)	Retain	Provides Ministers with up to date information for decision-making. Used by the Office for National Statistics/HM Treasury in public expenditure monitoring, policy making and fiscal forecasting. DCLG use this information for various purposes including assessing capitalisation requests and monitoring reserves.
Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: England final outturn	National Statistics	Annual	Revenue Outturn (RO)	Retain	To meet HM Treasury's requirements for macro-economic monitoring, reporting and planning, and to feed into the Office for National Statistics's compilation of the National Accounts. Also used by local authorities, by other government departments, and by DCLG to inform policy and set grants.
Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: England provisional outturn	National Statistics	Annual	Revenue Summary	Retain	As per previous line. Earlier schedule is key to the Office of National Statistics and HM Treasury timetables for statistical publications, and planning of public finances.

2. Planned Products (during the period)- continued

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
Capital forecast return	Official Statistics	Annual	Capital Forecast Returns	Retain	Provides early indication of expenditure and receipts for the year.
Capital payment and receipts (Live tables)	Official Statistics	Quarterly	Capital Payments and Receipts (CPR1,2,3 & 4)	Retain	Provides timely outturn information to feed into the Office for National Statistic's National Accounts and public sector finance releases.
Collection rates for council tax and non-domestic rates: England	Official Statistics	Annual	Quarterly Return of Council Taxes and Non-Domestic Rates (QRC4)	Retain	Required by the Office for National Statistics to compile the National Accounts. Also used to monitor the collection rates of local authorities.
Levels of Council Tax set by local authorities: England	Official Statistics	Annual	Budget Requirement	Retain	Used by ministers and officials for policy purposes and a central source of all council tax levels across England.
Local Government Pension Scheme Funds: England	Official Statistics	Annual	Local Government Pension Scheme Funds (SF3) form	Retain	Data used in the Office for National Statistic's National Accounts and by DCLG pensions team to monitor the Local Government Pension Scheme.

2. Planned Products (during the period)- continued

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
National Non-Domestic Rates to be Collected: England	Official Statistics	Annual	National Non-domestic rates return (NDR1)	Retain	Essential to determining local authority contributions to the pool and running the non-domestic rates system.
National Non-Domestic Rates Collected: England	Official Statistics	Annual	National Non-domestic rates return (NDR3)	Retain	Determines final contributions to the pool. Feeds into the National Accounts.
Local Authority Council Taxbase: England	Official Statistics	Annual	Council Tax Base and Council Tax Base Supplementary	Retain	Essential to the calculation of Formula Grant for Local Government Finance Settlement. Supplementary data used by a number of areas in DCLG, particularly Housing for the New Homes Bonus.
Quarterly revenue outturn	Official Statistics	Quarterly (financial year quarters 1-3)	Quarterly Revenue Outturn forms	Retain	To feed into Office for National Statistic's compilation of the National Accounts and for HM Treasury for fiscal forecasting and policy setting.
Local government financial statistics	National Statistics	Annual	All – summary publication	Retain	Publication meets a statutory requirement and provides an easily accessible overview of the local government finance system.

2. Planned Products (during the period)- continued

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
Local Government Key Facts Card: England	National Statistics	Annual	All – summary publication	Cease	Contents made available in Local Government Financial Statistics (See above).

3. Other Planned Activities (over the period):

Central Local Information Partnership -Finance meetings are planned for June, October and February. These meetings normally take place three to four times a year and involve representatives from central government, local government and other interested bodies.

Annex 2 Statistical theme: Housing and Homelessness

1. Users and their Uses

Users	Uses
Ministers and officials in the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)	The statistics are used internally in the formulation and monitoring of policy; for resource allocation; for performance monitoring; and in cost-benefit analyses.
Office for National Statistics	The House Price Index is a key component of the Retail Prices Index.
Department of Energy and Climate Change	The Department of Energy and Climate Change use the English Housing Survey data to monitor and evaluate progress towards the achievement of energy efficiency and climate change targets.
HM Treasury and the Bank of England	The Bank uses the House Price Index to track asset price inflation as part of their deliberations on interest rates. They also use house building statistics in their deliberations on monetary policy. English Housing Survey data used to inform emergency Budget and Comprehensive Spending Review.
Department for Work and Pensions/Office for Disability Issues (DWP/ODI)	Modelling – the Department for Work and Pensions and the Office for Disability Issues use the English Housing Survey data to provide information on housing conditions for private rented sector tenants and for those with disabilities. The Department for Work and Pensions also use homelessness data in monitoring those in temporary accommodation in receipt of housing benefit.
Department for Transport	The Department for Transport use household projections in their transport modelling work.

1. Users and their Uses - continued

Users	Uses
Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs use data from the English Housing Survey to monitor rodent infestations, and homelessness data for sustainable development indicators.
Department for Education	The Department for Education use homelessness data in the child poverty needs assessment toolkit for local authorities.
Environment Agency	The household projections are used to forecast water use.
Local government	<p>Their main uses are: Service planning; performance monitoring; benchmarking against surrounding and similar authorities; resource allocation.</p> <p>The household projections are used in the formulation of local housing plans.</p> <p>Local housing authorities use homelessness data to plan services, allocate resources and monitor performance.</p>
Professional institutes, academia (e.g. Building Research Establishment, Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors)	Modelling (e.g. of local level housing condition indicators); analysis and evaluation of housing supply/need; evaluating the impact of homelessness funding and intervention.
House building, construction and timber industry	Evaluation of housing trends; Market research (e.g. the market for double-glazing, DIY etc).
Voluntary sector (e.g. Shelter, Joseph Rowntree)	Promotion and analysis of housing and homelessness issues; campaigning and fundraising.
Media	These statistics provide the raw material for articles in the Trade press (such as 'Inside Housing'; 'Construction News'; 'Building Magazine').

2. Planned Collections, Products and Services (during the period):

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
House building statistics	National Statistics	Quarterly	Local authority returns (P2) National House Building Council data	Retain	Forms part of the core housing evidence base. Statistics series reflects health of housing market and wider economy and has wide range of DCLG and external users and uses. Series is a leading indicator of net housing supply which is a proposed DCLG Impact Indicator.
English Housing Survey Headline report Annual headline findings on household trends and stock condition and energy efficiency	National Statistics	Annual	English Housing Survey	Retain	Cross-cutting, flexible and long-standing source of evidence on housing, used for policy development in DCLG and wider. Heavily used by other government departments, including for energy efficiency and fuel poverty policy monitoring and analysis by the Department for Energy and Climate Change who part-fund the survey. A major cost reduction has been achieved for 2011-12 onwards.

2. Planned Collections, Products and Services (during the period) - continued:

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
English Housing Survey Household Report – annual report on trends in housing tenure and housing circumstances including overcrowding	National Statistics	Annual	English Housing Survey	Retain, but reduce detail	
English Housing Survey Housing Stock Report – annual report on changing condition and energy efficiency of the housing stock	National Statistics	Annual	English Housing Survey	Retain, but reduce detail	
Projections of Households in England	National Statistics	Biennial	Office for National Statistics population projections Census data Office for National Statistics Labour Force Survey	Retain	Forms part of the core housing evidence base. Uses include formation of housing strategy and planning of local services. Wide range of DCLG and external users. Does not represent reporting burden on local government.

2. Planned Collections, Products and Services (during the period) - continued:

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
Dwelling/Housing Stock - England	Official Statistics	Annual	Census data, Local authority returns (Housing Flow Reconciliation) Greater London Authority data return	Retain	Forms part of the core housing evidence base. Used by the department in monitoring of policy and wide range of external users.
Gross affordable housing supply	Official Statistics	Annual	Various sources including Homes and Communities Agency's Investment Management System and local authority data returns (Housing Strategy Statistical Appendix, P2, P1B).	Retain	Enables assessment of the Government's housing priority to support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in communities. Allows assessment of the Government's aspiration for up to 150,000 new affordable homes over the spending review period. Will be used in calculating the New Homes Bonus payments.

2. Planned Collections, Products and Services (during the period) - continued:

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
Homelessness Prevention and Relief	Official Statistics	Annual	Local authority returns (P1E)	Retain	Enables assessment of the Government's housing priority to support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in communities. Allows value for money analysis of homelessness grant and assessment of effectiveness of homelessness prevention activities. Reflects demand on local authority housing services.
Rough Sleeping Statistics	Official Statistics	Annual	Local authority returns (RS1)	Retain	Enables assessment of the Government's housing priority to support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in communities. Guidance on evaluating the extent of rough sleeping revised after public consultation resulting in new rough sleeping statistics series published for the first time in February 2011.
Count of Gypsy and Traveller caravans	Official Statistics	Bi-annual	Local authority returns	Retain	Data used to support the formulation and monitoring of Gypsy and Traveller policy and to monitor size of population.

2. Planned Collections, Products and Services (during the period) - continued:

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
Social Rents live tables	Official Statistics	Annual	Local authority administrative returns (Housing Revenue Account) and housing association returns (Regulatory and Statistical Return)	Retain	Enables monitoring of new Affordable Rent policy, government policy on setting of social rents as well as strengthening accountability of local authorities and housing associations. Wide use externally.
Social Lettings Tables – adjusted for missing Local authority landlord data	Official Statistics	Annual	Continuous Recording of Lettings (CORE) from local authorities and housing associations, managed by the Tenant Services Authority.* See note on Tenant Service Authority data review below.	Retain	Gives a complete picture of social lettings. Used in formulation of and will allow monitoring of the Government's plans for the reform of social housing.

2. Planned Collections, Products and Services (during the period) - continued:

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
House Price Index	Official Statistics	Monthly	Regulated Mortgage Survey (lenders)	Out of scope because it is subject to the conclusions of the National Statistician's Review of Housing Market Statistics	<p>This statistics series reflects the health of the housing market and the wider economy and has a wide range of DCLG and external users. It is also a key component of the Retail Prices Index.</p> <p>The National Statistician has carried out a review of official house price statistics and is also carrying out a wider review of housing market statistics. Plans for the House Price Index are being considered separately in the light of the recommendations emerging from the first of these reviews.</p>
Net Supply of Housing for England and the Regions	Official Statistics	Annual	Local authority returns (Housing Flows Reconciliation) Greater London Authority data return	Retain (subject to further review)	Enables assessment of Government's priority to stimulate housing growth and monitoring of the New Homes Bonus. Proposed DCLG Impact Indicator designed to help the public judge the effect of the Department's policies and reforms.

2. Planned Collections, Products and Services (during the period) - continued:

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
Statutory Homelessness Statistics	National Statistics	Quarterly	Local authority returns (P1E)	Reduce detail of quarterly release to include the most high profile and volatile data with a more detailed publication at year end including less volatile demographic breakdowns.	Enables assessment of the Government's housing priority to support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in communities. Reflects demand on local authority housing services. The number of households in temporary accommodation is a proposed DCLG Impact Indicator and will continue to be published quarterly with other headline figures.
Local Authority Housing Statistics: Housing Strategy Statistical Appendix	Official Statistics	Annual	Local authority returns (Housing Strategy Statistical Appendix)	Re-design, reducing the number of data items.	Forms part of the core housing evidence base and allows assessment of plans for reform of social housing. Data collection to be reviewed for 2011/12 to capture only the highest priority and most relevant data items in order to reduce burden on local government.
Business Planning Statistical Appendix	Official Statistics	Annual	Local authority returns (local authority landlords only) (Business Planning Statistical Appendix)	Consider merging with Housing Strategy Statistical Appendix or alternative data collection whilst reducing the number of data items.	As above, data collection to be reviewed alongside the Housing Strategy Statistical Appendix and other local housing statistics collections in order to avoid any duplication and ensure retention of only the highest priority data items.

2. Planned Collections, Products and Services (during the period) - continued:

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
Social Housing Sales (Council House Sales)	Official Statistics	Annual	Local authority (P1B) and housing association returns (Regulatory and Statistical Return, CORE Information Management System)	Retain (but combine local authority data collection with Housing Strategy Statistical Appendix)	High internal use. Reduction in burden recently achieved by reducing the frequency from quarterly to annual. This proposed change will reduce the data collection burden on local government but could also result in less timely statistics.
Private Rental Sector Landlords Survey	Official Statistics	Ad hoc	Ad hoc survey of private landlords	Retain (subject to further review)	Only source of data for all types of private landlord.
Housing and Planning Statistics (Compendium publication)	National Statistics	Annual	Various	Cease (and replace with website narrative)	Low use relative to other outputs. Will be replaced with narrative around housing 'live tables' on Department's website.
Housing and Planning Key Facts (Compendium publication)	Official Statistics	Quarterly	Various	Cease	Low use relative to other outputs.

2. Planned Collections, Products and Services (during the period) - continued:

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
Mortgage Rescue Scheme Monitoring Statistics	Official Statistics	Quarterly (data collected monthly)	Local authority returns (Mortgage Rescue Monitoring Return), Homes and Communities Agency management information	Cease product (but retain small money advice section of the local authority form, reducing frequency of collection to quarterly)	Changes to the administration of the scheme mean the Department no longer has use for detailed data on the pipeline of cases. Data still required to monitor impact of scheme on encouraging households to seek advice from their local authority. Reflects demand for local housing services. Represents significant reduction in burden on local government.
Electronic Survey of Empty Homes (for Neighbourhood Statistics only – not a separate DCLG output)	Official Statistics	Annual	Local authority Council Tax systems	Cease	Low use by the Department relative to other outputs.
Local Area Council Tax Dwellings (for neighbourhood statistics only – not a separate DCLG output)	Official Statistics	Annual	Valuation Office Agency	DCLG to cease data collection and production of this dataset (and support the transition to an alternative organisation if there is a demand for its continuation)	Low use by the Department relative to other outputs.

2. Planned Collections, Products and Services (during the period) - continued:

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
Register of Licensed Houses in Multiple Occupation	Not an 'Official Statistics' output – used for parliamentary questions	Ad hoc	Local authority returns	Cease	Although local authorities are required to maintain local register there is no statutory requirement for them to provide data on the number of licenses issued. Also the coverage is incomplete. This represents an unnecessary burden on local government.

3. Other planned activities (over the period):

- A review of social housing and housing strategy data requirements from local authorities, in consultation with the Central Local Information Partnership housing subgroup. This will cover the Housing Strategy Statistical Appendix and Business Planning Statistical Appendix data collections (see above) and also take account of the recommendations of the Tenant Services Authority's data rationalisation review; the implementation of self-financing for council housing; and other housing policy changes.
- The National Statistician is currently carrying out a review of housing market statistics.⁷ A report on the second stage of this work, including recommendations for the producers of official statistics is anticipated in May 2011. The Department will then consider how any recommendations emerging from that review can best be addressed in the light of available resources, and the submissions received in response to this consultation.

⁷ <http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/national-statistician/ns-reports--reviews-and-guidance/national-statistician-s-reviews/national-statistician-s-review-of-housing-market-statistics.html>

Annex 3 Statistical theme: Planning Performance and Land Use

1. Users and their uses

Users	Uses
Ministers and officials in the Department for Communities and Local Government	Policy formulation and development – providing statistics to monitor the effects of new policies to reform the planning system to give local people and communities more ability to shape the places in which they live.
Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	Monitoring sustainable use of land and changes in rural land use.
Environment Agency	Monitoring land use changes in flood risk areas.
Natural England/Commission for Rural Communities	Land use changes in rural areas.
Planning Inspectorate	Analysis of information on total planning permissions.
Local government	Monitoring and comparison with peers on planning permissions; use of information on land use change to inform local plans.
Planning professionals/academics	Analysis of planning and land use; academic research.
Business and commercial sector (e.g. estate agents)	Business planning.
Media	Raw material for articles in the specialist Press (e.g. on Planning and land use issues).

2. Planned Collections, Products and Services (during the period):

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
Land Use Change Statistics: England	National Statistics	Annual	Ordnance Survey	Retain	Monitoring the land use effects of new policies to reform the planning system, including those on housing density and 'garden development'. Core evidence base for the Department and external partners. Recently reduced from quarterly to annual publication.
Commercial and industrial floor space and rateable value statistics	National Statistics	Annual	Valuation Office Agency	Cease and plan to re-start as new Valuation Office Agency Statistics	High cost of purchase and analysis of Valuation Office Agency data. Discussions proceeding for Valuation Office Agency to develop a new publication which would meet the need to monitor commercial development.
Extent of retail development taking place in town centres: England	Official Statistics	Biennial	Valuation Office Agency	Cease (internally) and consider options for monitoring	High cost of purchase and analysis of Valuation Office Agency data. Subject to resources, could procure from amongst several private sector companies offering monitoring services.

2. Planned Collections, Products and Services (during the period): continued					
Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
Green Belt statistics: England	National Statistics	Annual	Return from local authorities (AGB1)	Reduce frequency to two or three-yearly	Need to monitor the extent of Green Belts. Areas change slowly so change could be identified in a 'three yearly' release.
Planning applications	National Statistics	Quarterly	Return from local authorities (PSF, CS1 and 2)	Reduce frequency to annual	Core evidence base but consider annual publication will be sufficient to identify trends in planning applications.

3. Other Planned Activities (over the period):

- Preparation of evidence for UK Statistics Authority assessment of Land Use Change, Green Belt and Planning Applications.

Annex 4 Statistical theme: Deprivation

1. Users and their uses

Users	Uses
Ministers and officials in the Department for Communities and Local Government	Core evidence base for regeneration strategy.
Other Government Departments (Department for Work and Pensions, HM Revenue and Customs, Department for Education)	Allocation of resources and segmentation of population to identify vulnerable groups.
Local Government (including Fire Authorities)	Bidding for, and targeting of resources. Segmenting population to identify vulnerable groups.
Academia/research community	Evaluation of deprivation and projections of 'health risks'.
Business and commercial Sector (e.g. banking sector)	Customer banding and allocation of resources.
Third Sector (e.g. Duke of Edinburgh's Award)	Comparisons of need for Third Sector interventions and bidding for resources.
Citizens	Choosing where to buy/reside. Identifying areas of greatest need. Changes over time in levels of local deprivation are used to hold policy makers to account.

2. Planned Collections, Products and Services (for the period):

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
Indices of Multiple Deprivation	Official Statistics	Triennial	Multiple sources	Retain - subject to ongoing internal review	Core evidence base. Used heavily, internally and externally, for example in allocation of funding. Strong demand from users for further updates likely but, given the costs, needs reviewing before contract re-let.
Economic Deprivation Index	Official Statistics	Ad hoc	Multiple sources	Cease (once current contract ends in September 2012)	Mainly used externally including by other government departments, so would look to other government departments to take on if demand exists beyond existing contract.
Children in Income Deprivation Index	Official Statistics	Ad hoc	Multiple sources	Cease (once current contract fulfilled)	As Economic Deprivation Index (above).
Child Wellbeing Index	Official Statistics	Ad hoc	Multiple sources	Cease	One-off feasibility report and no plans to repeat. If continued external interest this product could, potentially, be taken forward by an other government department.

Annex 5 Statistical theme: Communities and Citizens

1. Users and their uses

Users	Uses
Ministers and officials in the Department for Communities and Local Government	Development and monitoring of policy relating to the Big Society.
Ministry of Justice	Analysis of the treatment of ethnic minorities by the Criminal Justice System.
Department for Work and Pensions	Gaps between the participation rates of disabled and non-disabled people.
Home Office	Monitoring of social integration/cohesion.
Government Equalities Office and the Equality for Human Rights Commission	Equality issues relating to participation; labour market discrimination; etc.
Office of Civil Society and voluntary organisations	Evaluation of data on 'volunteering'.
Academia	Research covering a variety of societal issues (e.g. 'social belonging'; 'extremism').

2. Planned Collections, Products and Services (during the period):

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
Citizenship Survey: Headline Findings	National Statistics	Quarterly	Citizenship Survey	Cancel after publication of 2010-11 data	As part of the current drive to deliver cost savings across government and to reduce the fiscal deficit, research budgets are being closely scrutinised to identify where savings can be made. For this reason, and the belief that priority data from this survey can either be dropped; collected less frequently; or collected via other means, the decision has been taken to cancel future Citizenship Surveys.
Citizenship Survey: Community Spirit	National Statistics	Annual	Citizenship Survey	Cancel after publication of 2009-10 data	As above.
Citizenship Survey: Community Action in England	National Statistics	Annual	Citizenship Survey	Cancel after publication of 2009-10 data	As above.
Citizenship Survey: Race, Religion and Equalities Topic Report	National Statistics	Annual	Citizenship Survey	Cancel after publication of 2009-10 data	As above.

3. Other planned activities (over the period):

Publication of the datasets and technical reports for 2009-10 and 2010-11.

Annex 6 Statistical theme: Fire and rescue

1. Users and their uses

Users	Uses
<p>Ministers and officials in the Department for Communities and Local Government; other UK Government departments and agencies; and the devolved administrations, including Department of Health, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Department for Education, Health and Safety Executive, English Heritage, Forestry Commission</p>	<p>Policy development and monitoring; drafting of Fire Safety and Building Regulations; allocation of funding; evidence for national fire safety initiatives and campaigns.</p>
<p>Fire authorities</p>	<p>Fire protection and risk-based enforcement activity; targeting of services; allocation of resources; benchmarking; Community Fire Safety activities.</p>
<p>Academic institutions and research councils</p>	<p>Funded research projects.</p>
<p>Business and commerce (e.g. the insurance industry)</p>	<p>Business planning and risk analysis.</p>
<p>Trade bodies and other representative organisations (e.g. British Retail Council, Federation of Small Businesses, Institute of Directors – Electrical Appliances, Construction and Fire Safety Engineering)</p>	<p>Informing policies, practices and standards; advocacy.</p>

2. Planned Collections, Products and Services (during the period):

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
Fire Statistics Monitor	National Statistics	Quarterly	Fire and Rescue Incident Records	Retain	Contains latest quality assured statistics on numbers of fire incidents by type and numbers of fatal and non-fatal casualties. The Department has selected fire casualties as a proposed Impact Indicator. The data tables are published at Fire and Rescue Service level and used by Fire and Rescue Services for benchmarking their chosen performance indicators.
Fire Statistics Annual	National Statistics	Annual	Fire and Rescue Incident Records	Retain	Contains detailed analysis of causes of fire. Analysis at national level provides valuable insights informing fire safety campaigns and fire safety buildings regulations, both nationally and for local implementation and enforcement.

2. Planned Collections, Products and Services (during the period) - continued:

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
Fire and Rescue Service Operational Statistics	Official Statistics	Annual	Fire and Rescue Service Annual Returns	Reduce and modify in the light of submissions received in response to the recent public consultation	Our public consultation sought comments from Fire and Rescue Services and any other interested parties on a proposed 75 per cent reduction in the number of data items collected hitherto, leaving a core of high level data relating almost exclusively to: (i) fire safety buildings audit and prosecution under Fire Safety Order; (ii) headline data on the numbers of staff, including by equality strand (responsibility under <i>Equalities Act 2010</i>); (iii) staff leaving (for financial modelling); and (iv) injuries to fire-fighters.
Fires in the Home: Findings from the English Housing Survey	Official Statistics	Every two – three years	English Housing Survey	Review later in the light of plans for the English Housing Survey	Provides two key types of insight not otherwise available: (i) ownership of working smoke alarms by households; (ii) data (i.e. fires and smoke alarm ownership) by households characteristics – e.g. tenure and other household characteristics and behaviours.

3. Other planned activities (over the period):

- In line with the Government's 'Transparency' agenda, we will pursue plans for making a Fire and Rescue Incident data set available for general public use. We will do so in liaison with the Fire and Rescue Services, and will take account of data protection considerations for example by using suitable anonymisation techniques.
- User engagement: we will hold regular meetings of the Fire Statistics User Group, and improve our user engagement via electronic means.
- Preparation of evidence for the UK Statistics Authority's forthcoming assessment of these statistics.

Annex 7

Statistical theme: Other DCLG Business Areas

1. Users and their Uses

Product Title: Code for Sustainable Homes and Energy Performance of Buildings

Users	Uses
Ministers/Officials in DCLG	This release provides information for: decision making and planning; monitoring the impact of the Code for Sustainable Homes; measuring progress towards the government's sustainability targets; cross-comparison of take-up of the Code across local authorities; evaluation of the national picture of Code take-up. Average energy efficient (SAP) ratings are used as an indicator of DCLG's policy impact on improving the energy efficiency of new homes.
Other Government Departments	
Building industry (developers, product manufacturers, architects/designers, etc)	
Local government	
Opinion-formers / the media, the public	

2. Planned Collections, Products and Services (during the period):

Title of product or service	Designation	Current frequency	Data source(s)	Planned action	Rationale
Code for Sustainable Homes and Energy Performance of Buildings	Official Statistics	Quarterly	National Energy Performance Certificate Register BRE Global Ltd and Stroma Accreditation Ltd	Retain	<p>Statistics on the number of Code Homes are a statutory requirement.</p> <p>The average energy efficiency (SAP) rating of new dwellings is one of a range of proposed Impact Indicators for the Department for Communities and Local Government.</p>
Supporting People – Quarterly Client Records and Outcomes	Official Statistics	Quarterly	Supporting People Client Records and Outcomes	Cease once the data have been collected for the current financial year, 2010/11.	<p>‘Supporting People’ rolls into Formula Grant with effect from April 2011. Because Formula Grant is a single un-hypothecated grant that is not divided by any service in any way, there will no longer be a specific budget allocation for Supporting People services. Consequently, it will no longer be appropriate for the Department to continue to collect data returns that relate specifically to Supporting People services.</p>

3. Other Planned Activities (over the period):

We are looking at the possibility of publishing further statistics relating to the Code for Sustainable Homes covering Lifetime homes, Secured by Design, and Site Waste Management.