Jersey Statistics Council
Minutes of a formal meeting
held on Friday 17 July 2026 at 10:00

Venue	**In-person at Government of Jersey meeting room R1.037**		
Attendees			
Chair	**Dr Kathryn Chamberlain OBE (KC)**		
Council Members	**Anya van Heerden (AH)**	**Edward Sallis (ES)**	**Rebecca Millar (RM)**
	Beverley Bissett (BB)	**Greg Boyd (GB)**	**Siobhan Carey (SC)**
	Duncan Millard (DM)	**Mark Pragnell (MP)**	**Vijay Khakhria (VK)**
In attendance	**Ian Cope (IC), Chief Statistician**		
	Sarah Davis (SD), Principal Statistician		
Secretariat	**Jonathan Corfe (JC), Senior Strategy Officer**		
Apologies	**Murray Norton (MN)**		

Supporting documents	Statistics Council - log of Formal Actions.xlsx	2026 07 17 Chair's Report.docx
	CS update to Stats Council - 17 July 2026.pptx	Output plan.xlsx
	Link to: Vision-Statement-for-role-of-Chief-Minister-2026.pdf	Links to • Jersey's Council of Ministers • Ministers and Assistant Ministers hold first formal meeting • States Assembly | Scrutiny | Review Government and Share Your Views • EXPLAINED: Who's who (so far) in the Class of '26? - Bailiwick Express News Jersey
	Statistics Jersey Annual Report 2025 - version for Stats Council comments.docx	Need for Improved Rental Market Data.docx
	2026 07 17 JSC Annual Report.docx	DRAFT Jersey Statistics Council Annual Report 2025.docxh
	2026-07-10 Statistics Council agriculture paper.docx Availability and Quality of Jersey's Published Agricultural Statistics - Economy Response.pdf JFU report for Statistics Council Jersey May 2026.pdf	Social media update.docx
	User engagement plan July 2026.docx	
	Members Skills Audit.xlsx	Statistics Council - Statistical Issues Log.xlsx

1	**Welcome, Apologies, Declarations of Interest**	**Actions**
	- The Chair welcomed those present, noting apologies from MN - The objectives of the meeting were summarised. All were invited to participate, challenge, raise issues, provide input and feedback. - Statistics Council Members confirmed that the Register of Interests was up to date. - Members were reminded that minutes from the previous meeting 25 March 2026 had been approved and published on gov.je. Members were also reminded that a draft is circulated for any comments by a specified date, and that a nil response will be interpreted as contentment with the draft.	None
2	**Introduction for new members**	**Actions**
	- VK and ES each outlined their background and why they had sought to become a Member.	None
3	**Review of Action Log**	**Actions**
	- Open actions were reviewed and a number were closed or updated. - Actions remaining open mostly relate to post-election activity with various stakeholders including the Chief minister. - Gov.je email addresses are still not available for Members. Head of Policy Francis Walker (FW) continues to pursue.	**JC** to update the Action tracker to enable a status of "monitoring" by the end of July **FW** to continue pursuing the provision of email addresses
4	**Chair's Report**	**Actions**
	- The Chair summarised the key activity since the last meeting, as described in her paper. This includes proposed principles about decision-making and record-keeping relating to decisions about when to publish, or not publish, material. - There were no queries arising and the proposals were accepted.	None
5	**Chief Statistician's Items**	**Actions**
	Election Update - The Chief Statistician confirmed that each of the three Principal Statisticians within Statistics Jersey will attend Council meetings alongside The Chief Statistician on a rotating basis. - The Chief Statistician presented an update of Statistics Jersey activity in support of the recent election including reporting of turnout and advice on an exit poll. A briefing has been offered to all States Assembly Members on Jersey statistics and the Jersey Statistical System. - The Chief Statistician familiarised Members with the Ministers and Scrutiny leads with which Council Members are most likely to liaise, as well as the six key outputs that the new Council of Ministers must deliver in the first 100 days.	

	Jersey Statistical System Strategy - SD described the timeline for production of the Jersey Statistical System Strategy in April 2027. A draft will be shared with Statistics Council Members ahead of the next meeting. **Outlook Plan** - Statistics Jersey publish known report publication dates in advance, for regular Statistics Jersey reports. - Reports by departments are not typically announced in advance. **Publications and Data Sharing** - Members noted the Statistics Jersey publications since the last meeting and the Data Sharing Agreements that had been put in place **Sir David Spiegelhater event 12 June** - Members noted the very successful event that was attended by policy and communications officers along with other more-generalist officers. A related session for the analyst community was similarly well-received. **Minimum Income Standard** - Members noted that Statistics Jersey is supporting work commissioned by the Economy department and led by a team from Loughborough University by collecting relevant prices.	**SD** to share a draft of the JSS Strategy before the next SC meeting in November **IC** to investigate with the SADLs community whether publication dates can be provided in advance
6	**Chief Statistician's Items – Annual report**	**Actions**
	Statistics Jersey Annual Report 2025 - The Chief Statistician presented an update on the draft Chief Statistician's Annual Report for 2025 and asked Members to provide any comments (in the draft) by 31 July. - There was a discussion about the levels of analyst resourcing between different Government departments. Given that the Statistics Council may report in its Annual Report on the funding and resources and of both the Chief Statistician and the Jersey Statistical System, it was agreed that KC should ask the Government CEO for data on (non-Statistics Jersey) departmental analyst numbers, and associated spend, which is not currently readily available	**All** to provide any further comments to the Statistics Jersey Annual Report 2025 by 31 July **KC** to ask the Government CEO for data on (non-Statistics Jersey) departmental analyst numbers and associated spend
7	**Chief Statistician's Items – Need for Improved Rental Market Data**	**Actions**
	- The Chief Statistician presented an update on an important current issue relating to the production of the Retail Price Index, that is a Tier 1 statistic. - Private sector rent represents 10% of the weight of the RPI however the current data source is private sector rents paid by those in receipt of Income Support. The number of such cases is reducing because of expanded eligibility for social housing.	

	- Of the options being considered, the preferred option, on a Statistics Jersey resourcing basis, would be for the Minister for Housing to implement an Order requiring landlords to provide private rents periodically. - IC has provided briefing to the Minister for Housing and the Minister for Planning and Regulation on the issue. - VK declared an interest in the topic, as a member of the Board of Andium, when suggesting possible use of data from the MyDeposit Scheme. - It was agreed that reference should be made to the issue in the Chair's letter to the Chief Minister.	**IC** to brief the Chief Minister on the RPI and rental data **IC** to explore the use of rental deposit data from the MyDeposit Scheme as a proxy **KC** to include reference to the RPI issue in the letter to the Chief Minister
8	**Engagement with new Ministers, Scrutiny Liaison Committee, Assembly**	**Actions**
	- Members discussed and agreed proposals for engagement with significant stakeholders relating to both post-election appointments and the publication of the Statistics Council Annual Report for 2025.	**KC** letter to CM (to include RPI) **KC** to present annual report 2025 to CM **KC** letters to Ministers with Annual Report for 25 also offering to meet and highlighting possible areas of interest **KC** introductory letter to CEO to offer to meet Chief Officers individually and/or collectively at the Executive Leadership Team **KC** letter to Scrutiny Liaison Committee
9	**Statistics Council Annual Report 2025**	**Actions**
	- KC noted that the draft is nearly final, awaiting some pictures and administrative data and any final comments by Members.	**All** to provide final content and comment by end of July **KC** to finalise and present the Annual Report for 2025 to the Chief Minister in August
10	**Progress reports**	**Actions**
	Agriculture statistics - Members noted MP's papers highlighting the challenge in identifying and engaging with users of statistics. The plan to use social media to attract engagement was delayed by the election period though remains. - There was a wider discussion about the way in which Council will go about user engagement. **Crime statistics** - Following correspondence we understand that Crime data is now due to be published in week commencing 20 July.	**MP/RM** to plan and implement engagement with potential users of Agriculture statistics using social media **MP** to look at Written Questions and FOI requests on Agriculture for interested stakeholders

	- After publication a follow up conversation will be held with the head of the Police analyst team to understand future plans. **Statistics User Group** - The paper considering the findings of the Statistics User Group Survey 2023 and 2024 has been published on gov.je and BB attended a meeting in May. Members noted that feedback has been recorded on the Issues log **Social Media (LinkedIn)** - There was a discussion about the need to have content at a regular interval in order to make the most of the LinkedIn account. - It was agreed that the SC account should regularly like and reshare Statistics Jersey posts. - It was agreed that the SC account should post about the Annual Report, Minutes and any other publications.	**KC** to follow-up with the head of the Police analyst team after publication **RM** to liaise with IC and Kim Guegan about content creation **ALL** to identify and propose to RM content that can be posted (on-going action)
11	**Stakeholder engagement**	**Actions**
	- Members noted GB's paper identifying stakeholders to engage with in 2026 and longer-term. - Agreed to add Jersey Finance and Digital Jersey to the list of priorities to be contacted during 2026. - Members agreed that surveys should be sent to Chamber of Commerce members (as a pilot), IOD, Association of Jersey Charities and the Policy Centre.	**ALL** to confirm to GB (by end July) the stakeholders they are planning to contact **GB** to draft a template introductory email **GB / JC** to update guidance materials **AVH** to draft a low-burden survey that can be used to engage with stakeholders gather information about which reports and sources they use. Following the meeting DM, who raised the idea, reached out to AVH to offer help in designing the survey.
12	**Skills Audit**	**Actions**
	Information on Members' skills is intended to be a Statistics Council resource and not for sharing onwards.	**JC** to remind MN about his overdue information

13	**Review of the Statistical Issues Log**	**Actions**
	- Members noted the items on the Issues Log. - It was decided that a new status of "monitoring" would be helpful for items where the Council isn't currently addressing though is still monitoring - There was a discussion about issue 2025/002 "Survey template and guidance for government departments". Whilst good practice is encouraged it was recognised that there currently isn't a central resource for enforcing a common approach to design/question wording and running surveys, especially when undertaken by non-statistical teams	**ALL** to maintain the Issues log to reflect the latest positions following their activities **JC** to add a "monitoring" status to the Issues log **IC/SD** to capture case studies of poor survey practice
14	**Items for publication**	**Actions**
	- Nothing proposed other than Minutes and the Annual Report	None
15	**Forward Look**	**Actions**
	2026 - 26 November 2026 to consider the Statistics Jersey Output Plan and a draft of the JSS Strategy. - An associated workshop to include consideration of the proposed CSP and developments in equality classifications **2027** - Members agreed that meetings would be held in early March (with international comparisons as a workshop topic), July (in person in Jersey) and November - It was agreed that there was value in arranging liaison meetings with the SADLs on a regular basis – particularly annually to coincide with the in-person meeting. - KC reminded Members to propose any items that they would like considered at future meetings	**IC** to prepare a briefing on the lodged CSP **IC** to arrange a briefing on developments in equality classifications **KC/JC** to propose meeting dates **ALL** to identify any items they would like considered
16	**Next meeting**	**Actions**
	- Will be held on 26 November and will be online.	None
17	**AOB**	**Actions**
	- None	