Jersey Statistics Council
Meeting Notes

Formal Council Meeting

Date	10 December 2025, 10:00-12:15
Venue	Via Teams, Government of Jersey meeting room R1.007

Attendees

Chair	Dr Kathryn Chamberlain OBE (KC)
Council Members	**Via Teams:** Anya van Heerden (AH), Beverley Bissett (BB), Duncan Millard (DM), Greg Boyd (GB), Siobhan Carey (SC), Rebecca Millar (RM), Mark Pragnell (MP)
In attendance	Ian Cope (IC), Chief Statistician Daniel Edmunds (DE), Principal Statistician
Secretariat	Phoebe Chambers (PC), Administrator
Apologies	Murray Norton (MN)

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1.	**Welcome, housekeeping and apologies**.	**Actions**
	The Chair welcomed those present and noted apologies. The objectives of the meeting were summarised. All were invited to participate, challenge, raise issues provide input and feedback. Members asked to ensure that the Register of Interests relevant to Jersey and Jersey Statistics was up to date. Notes from the Council's Induction Meeting had been circulated for internal use. These were noted.	**ACTION:** All members to confirm their entries on the Register of Interests
2.	**Minutes of 23 September 2025, Review of Action Log**	**Actions**
	Minutes for the Council meeting on 23rd September 2025 were approved. These will now be published on the Statistics Council webpages when these are launched. Members discussed how best to ensure transparency and understanding for those reading the minutes and it was agreed to keep the longer format. Members noted that since the Minutes were intended for public circulation it was important that they could be understood by a wider audience as well as being accurate. It was also noted that there may be cause in future to reserve a Confidential Agenda Item and/or redact minutes where personal identifiable/confidential information is discussed. The Action Log was presented to the Council for review. All actions were complete except two: • It was noted that the proposed letter to the Chief Minister setting out progress during the Council's first six months would be drafted following discussion of the forward work plan at this meeting. • The action to set up a lunch & learn session was closed as it would be taken forward as part of the Council's workplan.	**ACTION:** Minutes to be published on Statistics Council website.
3.	**Chair's Report**	**Actions**
	The Chair introduced a report on her activities since the September meeting. A meeting had taken place with the Government of Jersey (GoJ) Head of Communications. Our independence was acknowledged, but the department is happy to support with advice. Discussions have been held regarding the appointment of two additional Council members with direct experience on the island. This will also provide an opportunity to raise awareness of the Council by combining with launch of the	

	Council's website, social media channel, and Media/Press engagement at roughly the same time. The Chair asked if any Council members with experience of setting up and managing new social media channels would be prepared to lead the work for the Council. RM volunteered to take on this role.	**ACTION:** RM, PC to collaborate on establishing the Council's LinkedIn page. To be delivered Jan 2026
4.	**Finance**	**Actions**
	The Chair presented a summary paper setting out the financial position of the Council which was noted. The Council will end 2025 with an underspend which is understandable as we have been operational less than six months. Full year projections for 2026 indicate a small amount of potential discretionary expenditure. It was noted that this may be required to fund recruitment, communications, events, surveys, travel and subsistence, or other activity undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Council consistent with its functions.	
5.	**Chief Statistician's Items**	**Actions**
	List of Tier 1 Statistics The Chief Statistician thanked and acknowledged Council Members for their comments and feedback. The first List of Tier 1 Statistics was presented to the States Assembly on 19th November 2025. Statistics Jersey will now start designating reports. **Statistics Jersey Budgets** The history of funding for Statistics Jersey was discussed. The annual budgets from 2021 to 2026 were presented, explaining what the funding intended to achieve. It was noted that in 2023 £158k was distributed in response to historic underfunding, which prevented cuts and enabled development. The Chief Statistician was asked about the reliability of Jersey population data. **IC** assured that data is taken from multiple sources, and not reliant on a single source of data, mitigating much of the risk. Furthermore, Statistics Jersey are in the process of re-writing Data Sharing Agreements which include a requirement for data providers to inform Statistics Jersey of systems changes which might impact on their data. The Chief Statistician invited the council to review Fiscal Policy Panel Advice for 2022-23 Government Plan. **Correspondence with the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel (CSSP)**	

	On 21 November CSSP lodged an amendment with the States Assembly to provide funding to support the implementation of the Statistics Law. The government's response urges rejection of the amendment. **Jersey Opinions and Lifestyle Survey (JOLS)** Jersey Statistics Council to provide a member/s to represent the Council in the two JOLS Advisory Panel meetings **(IC, DE to inform Council the dates the Panel are set to meet, Panel meetings between February and April)** The Council may choose to propose questions for inclusion in the survey although there is no guarantee that these will be accepted. The Chief Statistician was asked to provide a cover paper when presenting correspondence or information to the Council summarising the key issues for Board consideration. This is particularly important when the information is long or complex. The Chair stated that The Statistics Council will have an ongoing interest in adequacy of funding for Jersey Statistics. The next Formal meeting in March would be the best opportunity to discuss Jersey Statistics' Business Cases which will have to be submitted by the second week of May. The Chief Statistician suggested that Island Outcome Indicators (IOI) may naturally be the statistics to focus on, encouraging departments on make IOI internationally comparable in order to become Tier 1 Statistics.	**ACTION:** Member volunteers invited to sit on JOLS Advisory Panel **ACTION:** Jersey Statistics Council to consider proposing JOLS questions. By 30.01.2026 **ACTION:** Chief Statistician to provide cover papers summarising key issues for future Council items.
6.	**Statistical Issues Log**	**Actions**
	At the meeting in September the Council agreed that it would be valuable to create a log of issues it was aware of in order to effectively prioritise its work. The Chair presented a first draft of the Statistical Issues Log. This captured the first issues raised with the Council alongside issues that were previously identified by the former Statistical Users Group. Members were invited to comment on any aspect of the Issues Log, Members were content in principle with the classification of issues within the Log. However, there was a need to review how many of those issues were current and also be clear on the criteria used for arriving at a set of priorities. Members also asked that a further column be added to enable the Chief Statistician to add his commentary to any issues. **The Chief Statistician** agreed to deliver a Workshop before the next Formal Council meeting to provide the Council with a broad and better understanding on current statistical challenges, and Statistics Jersey Business Cases.	**ACTION:** PC to add additional column to issues log **ACTION:** Chief Statistician workshop to be arranged prior to next Council Meeting.

7.	**Draft Workplan**	**Actions**
	A draft workplan was introduced proposing a set of activities for 2026 that would enable the Council to deliver its functions. Members were asked to consider whether there were particular areas in which they would be able to lead or contribute based on their skills and experience. **Delivering on our functions** Members were invited to consider and comment on an approach to considering issues and developing conclusions. Members were generally content with approach set out recognising that it would need to be applied proportionately depending on the issue being considered. Members asked whether we understood enough about the expertise and knowledge within the Council. It was also felt that capturing this would help in identifying potential skills gaps in advance of appointing additional members. **First review** Members agreed that it would be timely to start examining an issue. Using the initial issue log as a starting point there was a wide-ranging discussion about what this might be. Initially the Council returned to the discussion about how many of the issues previously raised with the Statistics User Group (SUG) remained current. It was agreed that a review should be undertaken to respond to and close issues previously raised by the SUG. Members also felt that the Council should consider publishing something that showed how it had taken on Board issues raised by the SUG User Survey. It was discussed further that a number of statistics that used to be published are no longer being published. The example was provided of Agricultural and Fisheries Statistics which have not been published since 2018. Statistics Jersey has a log of pre-existing data outputs which are currently not being published. This will be shared with Council Members. It was agreed that the Council would start by exploring with the Department the reason that Agricultural and Fisheries statistics are no longer published and how this might be resolved. Based on the learning from this it was suggested that the Council may wish to make enquiries of other Departments in the same position.	**ACTION:** All members to adopt approach set out to in relation to Council's consideration of issues. **ACTION:** Chair to conduct a skills audit of current Council Members **ACTION:** BB and KC to respond to and close issues raised by SUG Survey. **ACTION:** BB and KC to consider how best to report publicly on this work. **ACTION:** DE to share log of pre-existing data outputs with Council members. **ACTION:** KC and MP (advised by DE) to explore Agriculture and Fisheries Department position with regard to publishing data. **ACTION:** Council to consider outcome of

	A discussion was held on the gaps in relation to Criminal Justice statistics. It was noted that this was a broad category, involving several different departments. It was agreed that if the Council were to undertake a review in this area it should initially narrow the scope by considering one aspect of Criminal Justice. It was proposed that Police Statistics would be the best place to start. It was felt that it would not be appropriate to pursue at present and that the focus should be on Agricultural and Fisheries. The subject will be revisited in discussion of the issues log in March. **Engaging with users** Consideration was given to undertaking a survey of statistical users, possibly jointly with Statistics Jersey. Although not ruled out for the future it was felt that initially targeted communications with stakeholders and ongoing engagement would be more productive than surveys. The Chief Statistician agreed with this view **Analyst Network Lunch&Learn and Statistical Analyst Data Leads meeting** It was agreed all Members of the Council should try and attend these meetings if they are able to do so to raise awareness of the Council and its role and to provide an opportunity for analysts to engage directly with the Council. IC stated that once an on-island meeting date is confirmed he will seek to arrange a meeting where Analyst Network and Statistics Analyst Data Leads can meet with Statistics Council. **Council to be represented at appropriate meetings of relevant bodies.** It is proposed that the Chair and/or other Council members should attend meetings of bodies such as Institute of Directors or Chamber of Commerce where appropriate. Members are asked to notify the Statisticscouncil@gov.je of any such meetings they become aware of. **Stakeholder Meetings** A small list of stakeholder meetings had previously been circulated. Members were invited to indicate any meetings they wished to attend alongside the Chair.	work and whether, and how, to extend to other Departments. **ACTION:** PC to confirm in-person meeting data in consultation with IC to seek alignment with Analyst Network SADL meetings. **ACTION:** Members to notify Secretariat of relevant meetings that it would be appropriate to attend. **ACTION:** Members to notify Secretariat of stakeholder meetings they wish to attend.
8.	**Forward Look**	**Actions**
	1-1 informal meeting between the Chair and individual Council members for February.	**ACTION:** February 1-1 meetings to be booked.

	Meeting dates need to be finalised for 2026. Members were asked to notify of their availability as soon as possible. The Council is due to meet formally three occasions in 2026: March, July and November. It is intended that the July meeting will be on island. It is proposed that the meetings are held on : • 25th March via Teams • 16th and/or 17th July on island. To make best use of time we may wish to combine the formal Council meeting with another activity or workshop session such as Lunch&Learn and/or SADL meeting • 25th November via Teams **Draft March Agenda** **Pre-meeting workshop** • "What we know" – allow 45minutes to 1 hour prior to formal meeting. To be led by Chief Statistician **Council Meeting** • Progress update on recruitment of additional members • Review of communications activity and awareness raising • Update on engagement with users • Progress on Agriculture and Fisheries statistics Review • Discussion on early draft of Chief Statistician Annual Review • Review funding and business cases	**ACTION:** All members to notify of their availability for 2026 meetings asap
9.	**AOB**	**Actions**
	The Statistics Council shared ongoing Teams issues and ongoing issues with access to shared documents with a representative of GoJ.	**ACTION:** Chair to email Cabinet Office, Chief Officer to request emails for Statistics Council to overcome ongoing IT and access issues.
10.	**Close**	**Actions**