

Minutes of Statistics Users Group Meeting

Date of meeting: **10 December 2018**; Concord Room, 4th floor, Cyril Le Marquand House

Present: Martin Richardson (MR, Chair), Auberon Ashbrooke, Amy Byrant (AB), Martin Delap, Jennie Holley, Graeme Marett, John Noel, Maria Pelin, Matthew Sutton
Secretary: Duncan Gibaut (DG)
Statistics Jersey representative: Daniel Edmunds (DE)
Economics Unit for item 4: Nick Vaughn (NV); Aaron Girardi (AG)

Apologies: None

1. a) Minutes of last meeting (10 September 2018):

[Action DG - upload minutes onto the Group's website](#)

b) Matters arising:

Appointment process:

DG informed the Group that the States of Jersey Human Resources Department were progressing the process for appointment of a Chair and Members of the Group, following expiry of the periods of office of the current Chair (MR) and three Members (JH, JN, MS).

An advertisement was to be placed on the States of Jersey website and in the local media.

5-year programme

The Statistics and Census (Jersey) Law 2018 states that *"the Group must publish - a 5-yearly programme of statistics"*.

AB recommended that a draft 5-year programme be produced which was linked to the structure of the revised Code of Practice (see item 3).

[Action DG - produce and circulate a draft programme to the Group](#)

2. Release Schedule – 2019

DG presented the Group with a proposed release schedule for Statistics Jersey publications in calendar year 2019.

[Action DG - publish the Release Schedule on the Statistics Jersey website](#)

3. Code of Practice

DE gave an overview of the comments he had received on the two draft Codes of Practice which he had circulated to the Group since the previous meeting – a Code of Practice for official statistics (as published by Statistics Jersey) and a more general Code for statistics produced by public authorities in Jersey. After some discussion, the Group were of the consensus that the two codes be produced as separate documents, rather than attempting to merge into one document.

Actions -

i) [Group members to send further comments to DE](#)

ii) [DE to produce a further draft of each code and to circulate to the Group prior to its first meeting in 2019](#)

4. Introduce Chief Economist

DG introduced NV and AG from the Economics Unit to the Group; NV had recently been appointed as the Chief Economist of the States of Jersey.

NV gave an overview of his background and his initial perspectives on the development of economic statistics for Jersey. In this context, the Chief Economist and members of his team will be invited to future Group meetings.

5. Summary of recent activity

DG summarised the recent publications of the Statistics Unit:

- Jersey Opinions and Lifestyle Survey, 2018
- GDP and GVA, 2017
- Labour Market, June 2018
- Retail Prices Index – September 2018
- Business Tendency Survey – September 2018
- House Price Index – Q3 2018
- Registered Actively Seeking Work – Q3 2018
- Jersey Schools Survey, 2018
- Public Health statistics
 - Jersey Child Measurement Program, 2017/2018
 - Mortality statistics, 2017
 - Life Expectancy and Healthy Life Expectancy, 2015-2017
 - Immunisation statistics, 2017

6. AOB

Meetings in 2019

[Action DG – circulate to the Group provisional meeting dates in 2019](#)