

## Minutes of Statistics Users Group Meeting

Date of meeting: **12 November 2014**; 4<sup>th</sup> floor CLMH

Present: Martin Richardson (Chair), Mary Friswell, Peggy Gielen, Jennie Holley, Craig Leach, Graeme Marett, John Noel, Ray Shead, Peter Surcouf, Matthew Sutton, Rozanne Thomas

Duncan Gibaut (DG), Statistics Unit; Katie Falle (KF), Head of Statistics, Education Dept.

1. **a) Minutes of last meeting:** agreed and signed off.

**b) Matters arising**

- i) a meeting with the Chief Minister took place on 4 September 2014 to discuss the Group's concerns with the Manpower Survey;
- ii) an additional Group meeting was held on 17 September 2014 to discuss a Statistics Law for Jersey.

2. **Update on the Manpower Survey**

The report on the Jersey Labour Market for June 2014 and December 2013 was published on 10 October 2014.

3. **Code of Practice for Official Statistics**

As an initial step towards establishing official statistics in Jersey on a more formally independent and professional basis, DG presented the Group with a draft document: "*Code of Practice for Official Statistics in Jersey*". This draft was based on the Code of Practice produced for the UK by the UK Statistics Authority.

Actions: DG – i) incorporate the Group's comments into the draft Code of Practice;  
ii) arrange meeting with the Chief Minister to present the draft Code of Practice;  
two attendees from SUG (Chair and one member)

4. **Release Schedule for 2015**

DG presented the Group with a proposed release schedule for Statistics Unit publications in calendar year 2015. The Group approved the schedule.

Actions: DG – publish the Release Schedule on Statistics Unit web-site;

5. **Education Department statistics**

KF informed the Group of the potential for liaising with the Statistics Unit in order to introduce the principles of the proposed Code of Practice in the production of education statistics by the Department.

6. **Update on Statistics Unit activity**

DG summarised recent publications and ongoing work of the Statistics Unit:

Recent:

- Quarterly: Retail Prices Index, RPI  
Business Tendency Survey  
Retail Sales Index  
House Price Index
- Monthly: Registered Actively Seeking Work (ASW)
  - Index of Average Earnings, June 2014
  - Labour Market – December 2013 and June 2014
  - National Accounts, GVA and GDP - 2013
  - Consumer prices comparison, June 2014

Ongoing:

- Household Spending and Income Survey – started in April 2014

Upcoming:

- Jersey Annual Social Survey 2014 – to be published on 26 November 2014

**7. Next meeting**

Wednesday 28 January 2015