

OUTPUT PLANS

Introduction

1. This paper outlines progress on high level plans for 2011 Census outputs.

Action requested by Census Advisory Groups

2. To note key dates in the high level output plans.

Context

3. A paper setting out aims for 2011 Census outputs went to Census Advisory Groups for comment in Autumn 2005. A UK version of the paper has recently been agreed in April 2006 and will be available on the website shortly.

High level plans

4. *Statistical Disclosure Control(SDC)*
 - User consultation on proposed SDC policy and possible methods Nov/Dec 2006
 - UK agreement of SDC policy position January 2007
 - User consultation on proposed UK SDC methods Autumn 2008
 - UK SDC agreement and sign-off of SDC methods for 2011 Census outputs Jan 2009

Output geography and time series analysis

5. A paper setting out ONS' proposed small area geography policy for 2011 Census outputs went to Census Advisory Groups for comment in Autumn 2005.
6. A geography working group has now been established (March 2006) to co-ordinate the development of a National Statistics Small Area Geography Policy for 2011 and beyond and conduct the supporting programme of research. 2011 Census output key dependencies will feed into this work including:
 - policy developments for census 2011 disclosure control
 - policy developments for census time series data

- the identification of any user and statutory requirements for ward or parish level census outputs.

7. The geography policy for 2011 Census output will go out for wider consultation and review (including to the Census advisory Groups) in **Autumn 2006**.

Dissemination methods

8. Research into dissemination methods will commence in earnest in the **Autumn 2006**.
9. It is intended to invite all the different data providers (NeSS, CASWEB, WICKID, SASPAC, SCROL, NOMIS) to a workshop in the Autumn of 2006 to present the best features of their systems' functionality, how they meet the needs of their user groups and to discuss the potential for a more integrated model for 2011 Census tabular output.

10. Key dates in the dissemination plans are detailed below:

- Research and consultation Oct 2006 –Dec 2008
 - Assessment of corporate functionality
 - Consultation on user dissemination requirements for tabular and microdata
 - Exploration of potential for partnerships with 2001 distributors (to include a workshop in Autumn 2006)
 - Assessment of other off-shelf products
 - Review of funding options
- Funding model agreed Autumn 2007
- Dissemination model agreed Summer 2009
- System development Autumn 2009-2011
- First outputs from Sept 2012

User consultation

An output user consultation strategy is being developed and a more detailed paper outlining plans for **how** and **when** we will consult with users communities on the key areas of statistical disclosure control, statistical data outputs, metadata and dissemination methods and media will go to Census Advisory Groups in **Autumn 2006** for comment.

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