Board for official statistics in Scotland – Sep 16

Paper 16.1 - Purpose and terms of reference of the board

This paper proposes aims, terms of reference and membership for the board

**Aims of the board**

To get greatest value from the producers of official statistics about Scotland by

 - helping to agree a vision and strategy for official statistics in Scotland, ensuring that the strategy is appropriate for the challenges we face over the next 5 years.

 - advising on the plan for delivering the agreed strategy, offer advice on prioritisation, and oversee delivery.

 - making sure the voices of those using data and statistics about Scotland are heard and influence the way the strategy is developed and delivered.

 - identifying new opportunities for improvements to the quality, trustworthiness or impact of official statistics in Scotland or the efficiency of their production, and to prioritise their development/adoption

**Ways of working**

The board will typically meet every six months.

Roger will chair the first meeting.

The board can commission task and finish groups to deliver specific projects that contribute towards the board’s aim.

The board will receive strategy delivery progress reports, planned activity, and updated risk registers every six months

**Accountability :**

The three Scottish Heads of Profession are accountable for delivery of official statistics in Scotland to the UK National Statistician.

**Membership**

 - Roger Halliday, Chief Statistician, Scottish Government

 - Scott Heald, Head of Statistics for Public Health & Intelligence

 - Tim Ellis, Head of Statistics for National Records of Scotland

 - Donald MacRae,

 - Karen Facey, Evidence Based Health Policy Consultant

 - Susan MacVie, Chair of Quantitative Criminology, University of Edinburgh

 - Roeland Beerten, Director of Policy and Public Affairs at Royal Statistical Society

 - Colin Ledlie, Non-executive director at National Records of Scotland