



Public Data Group

Summary of the Public Data Group (PDG) meetings held to date

Regular agenda items involve:

- Claudia Arney (PDG chair) providing a Chair's update at each meeting which includes feedback from her meetings and activities.
- The Shareholder Executive updating the PDG board at each meeting on the latest policy developments around the Open Data agenda.
- The Board discussing the potential for links and joint working between the Trading Funds or the wider public sector. Board discussions over the last year have led to a range of joint work including; the development of the PDG Summer Statement 2014 and the commitments within it; a joint GeoVation Challenge between Land Registry and Ordnance Survey; and a survey of PDG data usage.
- Discussion of any other topic items such as recent events, the Public Administration Select Committee report on Open Data, the National Information Infrastructure etc.
- The Board also regularly invites guest speakers to discuss data policy. Recent speakers have included:
 - The Minister of State for Business and Enterprise and Energy, Matthew Hancock MP who provided his view on the role and importance of PDG and engaged in a discussion with the Board on its approach going forward. (September 2014)
 - Gavin Starks, CEO of the Open Data Institute (ODI) who provided an update on the work of the ODI and discussed the open data agenda with the Board (January 2015).
 - Andrea Young, Director for Digital Economy Unit in BIS who provided an update on the work of her unit and the Digital Taskforce. (September 2014)
 - Harvey Lewis, Research Director – Analytics at Deloitte who discussed his views on the use of open data by businesses and the potential ways in which the PDG could provide support. (September 2014)
 - John Dodds, Director for the BIS Strategic Review who discussed issues relating to BIS Strategic Review and its delivery phase, the Future Shape of BIS, with the Board. (June 2014)

- Dr Sonia Sousa, Head of Big Data Action Group at the Big Innovation Centre presented to the Board on the work of the Big Data Action Group and potential PDG involvement in their Trusted Data Accelerator project. (March 2014)

Since the Chair was appointed meetings have taken place in:

- September 2012
- November 2012
- March 2013
- May 2013
- September 2013
- December 2013
- March 2014
- June 2014
- September 2014
- January 2015

The next meeting will take place in April 2015.