

Public Data Group
2pm – 5pm 17 January 2013
BIS, 1 Victoria Street, London
Published agenda and minutes

Attendees:

Claudia Arney (Chair, Public Data Group)

John Hirst (CEO, Met Office)

Greg Clarke (Chair, Met Office)

Tim Moss (CEO, Companies House)

Brian Landers (Chair, Companies House)

Malcolm Dawson (CEO, Land Registry)

Mark Boyle (Chair, Land Registry)

Vanessa Lawrence (CEO, Ordnance Survey)

Sir Rob Margetts (Chair, Ordnance Survey)

Stephen Lovegrove (Chief Executive, Shareholder Executive)

Anthony Odgers (Head of Portfolio Unit, Shareholder Executive)

Additional attendees:

Kirsty Pearce, ShEx PDG policy lead

JP, note taker, PDG secretariat

Apologies sent:

None received to date (11/01/13)

Agenda:

1. Welcome and introductions <i>(10 minutes)</i>	Claudia Arney
2. Introduction from Michael Fallon MP <i>(20 minutes)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Ministers outlook for the PDG</i>	Michael Fallon
3. Minutes from last meeting <i>(5 minutes)</i>	Claudia Arney
4. Chair update <i>(10 minutes)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Update on Chair's activity</i>	Claudia Arney
5. Policy update <i>(10 minutes)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>ShEx to provide an oral policy update, followed by discussion. To include publication of Approach to Charging slides</i>	Kirsty Pearce
6. Open Data Update – Met Office DataPoint <i>(5 minutes)</i>	John Hirst

7. Collaborations - approval process <i>(10 minutes)</i>	CEOs for lead TF
8. Collaborations – business cases <i>(60 minutes)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public Asset Register – presentation followed by discussion (30 minutes) ▪ Counter Fraud - presentation followed by discussion (30 minutes) 	
9. Collaborations – workstreams update <i>(10 minutes)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Trading Funds invited to provide update on current position on key work streams</i> 	CEO for lead TF
10. Information Economy <i>(20 minutes)</i>	Ken McCallum, ShEx Director of Information Economy
11. Conclusion / any other business <i>(10 minutes)</i>	Claudia Arney

Notes of the Public Data Group (PDG) meeting
Thursday 17 January 2013

Attendees:

Chair: Claudia Arney (CA)

Secretariat: Julie Price (JP), Shareholder Executive

Policy lead: Kirsty Pearce (KP), Shareholder Executive

Vanessa Lawrence (VL), Ordnance Survey Chief Executive

Sir Rob Margetts, (RM), Ordnance Survey Chairman

John Hirst (JH), Met Office Chief Executive

Greg Clarke (GC), Met Office Chairman

Tim Moss (TM), Companies House Chief Executive

Brian Landers (BL), Companies House Chairman

Malcolm Dawson (MD), Land Registry Chief Executive

Mark Boyle (MB), Land Registry Chairman

Anthony Odgers (AO), Shareholder Executive

Stephen Lovegrove, Shareholder Executive

By invitation: Ken McCallum, Shareholder Executive, Director of Information Economy

Note of discussion:

Item 1: Welcome and introductions

1. CA opened the meeting and explained that the Minister was running late. She suggested continuing with the agenda until he arrived.

Item 2: Minutes from the last meeting

2. The Board agreed the minutes from the previous meeting and the progress on the actions.
3. Highlighting the action from the November meeting '*PDG members to collate and record (if they have not done so already) evidence of the use of the data released so far. This will then form an agenda item at a future meeting*' CA asked the Trading Funds (TF)s to provide this by 1 February.
4. VL provided an update on the November action '*OS to circulate summary of the OS report on evidence*' explaining that this report is currently with BIS economists who are considering it before further circulation. VL agreed to circulate it as soon as possible and added that she was pleased with the work the BIS economists had done so far.

Item 3: Chair's report

Meeting with Heather Savory (HS), ODUG chair

5. CA reported back from her meeting.

Meeting with Stephan Shakespeare (SS), DSB chair

6. CA reported back from her meeting.
7. CA continued to say that she had encouraged SS to consider the results required when asking for specific datasets, PDG could then help to establish the best datasets to achieve those results.
8. They also discussed the evidence that users are more interested in access to data than getting data for free. SS welcomed a paper from PDG on this.

Item 4: Introduction from Michael Fallon MP

9. Following the arrival of the Minister CA adjusted the agenda to accommodate his introduction and a short Q&A session.

Item 5: Policy update

10. KP gave a brief update on the following policy issues;
11. Following the Autumn Statement the launch of the Open Data Institute was announced and included the launch of a Breakthrough Fund for public sector bodies, an Open Data immersion programme, and upgrades to the Ordnance Survey products under their OS OpenData product suite.

12. DSB activity – The DSB has requested further consideration of ODUG proposals on Open Data as set out in letters from Stephan Shakespeare (as discussed above). The DSB also sought Ministerial approval to give further consideration to the release of the Postcode Address File and an addressing product for free.
13. PSI Review – there are two major strands of the review which are well underway. Deloitte have been commissioned to gather the evidence base on the PSI market, and TFs have each been engaged in conversations, as has ShEx. Also, there is a YouGov survey for public and private sector customers on the PSI market.
14. Review of charging – Slides that detail further consideration on the approach to charging by the PDG TFs were published on the 31 December. Remaining workstreams within the Government commitments to the consultation will be progressed this year.
15. VL added; HS had been in touch with OS finance officers requesting more detail and explanation of the information on the charging slides and said that she would put in an FOI request if she was not given the material required.

Item 6: Open Data – Best Practice

16. JH provided an overview of DataPoint, showcasing the latest applications created by DataPoint users. He highlighted that users were more than happy to pay for the data received as this data came with a support service as well. He reiterated that Met Office monitored the use of the data and could provide evidence that PDG were ahead of the game on this.
17. VL pointed out that data.gov did not monitor use and so data released via that route could not be monitored.
18. CA registered her interest in finding out more about users that were happy to pay for the data that came with the support service.

Item 7: Collaborations – Approvals process

19. The process and diagram presented by CA was agreed in principle however it was recognised that processes within the individual TFs would need to be followed and may be done in parallel to this process.

Item 8: Collaborations – Business cases

20. CA introduced the next session as discussion around the business cases and apologized for the late circulation of the papers. She suggested that in future the Board should endeavor to get Board papers out to members the Friday before each meeting.

Public Asset Register:

21. MD introduced this business case. The project aim is to support the public sector with asset management efficiencies through the use of existing or new data and associated services.

He highlighted that modification was required due to changes in Government policy that had an impact on the project.

Counter Fraud:

22. VL introduced this business case. The aim of this project is to establish the opportunities which could be realized in the Counter Fraud arena through working together. There are three elements to this project;

- Website proposal - Development of a public facing website to raise public and business awareness of the risk of property and company fraud and how they can help to mitigate the risk.
- Law enforcement proposal - Development of a web service for law enforcement officers enabling access to data from OS, CH and LR.
- Counter Fraud initiative – Commercial opportunities - Potential opportunity in the counter fraud arena beyond the limited market targeted by the law enforcement proposal.

Item 9: Collaborations – update on work streams

23. In the interests of time CA asked if there were any further updates in addition to those recorded on the spreadsheet, there were none.

Item 10: Information Economy

24. Ken McCallum was invited to inform the Board of his role as Director of Information Economy in ShEx, he presented the following points.

25. KM began by saying that his role covered four main areas;

- Representing BIS in cross Government work on the Cyber agenda
- The Release of Spectrum
- The Digital by Default agenda
- The Information Economy element of the Industrial Strategy

26. His main reason for attending today was to talk about the Information Economy and its role in the Industrial Strategy. He introduced the Industrial Strategy as having 10 strands to it;

- Aerospace
- Information Economy, which would report in May.
- 3 Energy strands
- Automotive
- Education
- Construction
- Professional Services
- Agri-Tech

27. Within this the Information Economy strand has an overarching council that would have working groups looking at;

- Cloud computing

- Internet – machine to machine
- Smart Cities
- Big Data
- E-commerce

Item 11: Any other business

28. CA pointed out that the Local Land Charges collaboration and an update on the IT collaboration would both feature in the May Board.