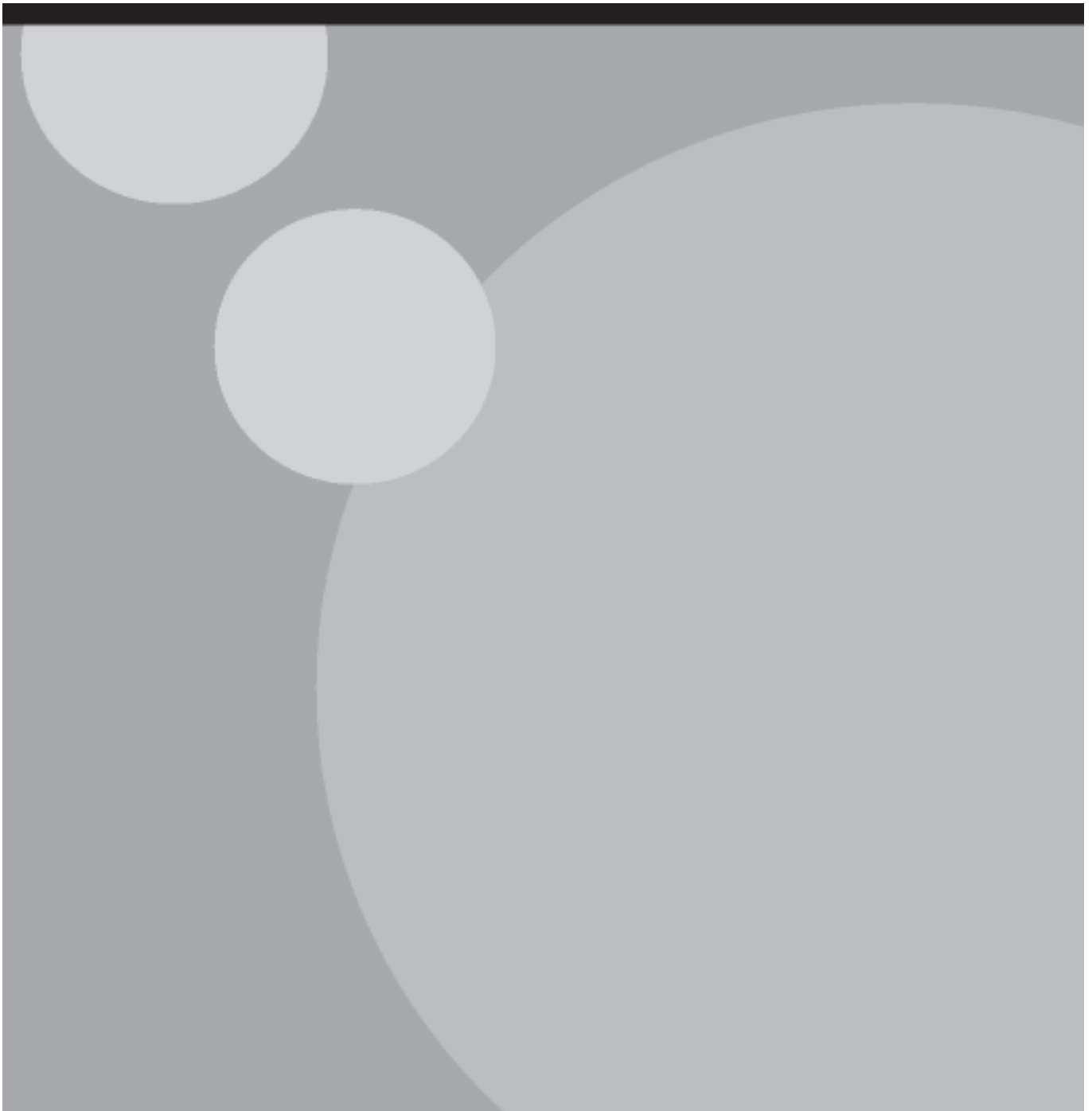




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STATISTICS PLAN

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Introduction

On 13th April 2011, the Department published its 'Draft Statistics Plan for 2011/12' for public consultation. This Plan described our proposals for collecting and publishing official statistics over the period April 2011 to March 2012. The original closing date for the consultation was 16 May but this was later extended to 3rd June in response to requests from a number of our users. In the documentation which accompanied the Plan we asked potential respondents to the consultation to address the following issues:

- their views on the extent to which our planned deployment of resources would meet their needs for official statistics from DCLG;
- their reactions to our proposals for either retaining; realigning; re-engineering; or terminating our portfolio of statistical products;
- their ideas for the development of any new statistics, products or services;
- their suggestions for any further reductions in the amount of data we collect and publish beyond those already incorporated in the Plan, or submitted in the context of the Department's published 'Single Data List';
- the range of uses to which they tend to put our statistics.

Statistics Plan – Summary of Contents

The main body of the Draft Statistics Plan for 2011/12 consisted of a set of seven Annexes which classified each of the 62 statistical products normally published by the department under one of the following statistical 'Themes':

- Local Government Finance

- Housing and Homelessness
- Planning Performance and Land Use
- Deprivation
- Communities and Citizens
- Fire and Rescue
- Other Business Areas

Within each Annex we described our detailed proposals for either retaining; re-aligning; re-engineering; or terminating each of the statistical products listed within that Theme.

In this respect the consultation which accompanied the Plan differed conceptually from DCLG's earlier public consultation on the 'Single Data List' (SDL). The SDL focused exclusively on the mandatory 'data collections' which government departments and their arms-length bodies require from Local Authorities, whereas the main focus of the Statistics Plan was on the end-products derived from those data collections.

In broad terms, our Statistics Plan invited users' reactions to our proposals to retain 36 (i.e. 58%) of the 62 official statistics products listed in the Plan, modify 9 (i.e. 15%) of them, and close down the remaining 17 (27%).

Outcome of Public Consultation

In response to our public consultation we received over 60 individual submissions from a wide spectrum of organizations, both public and private. A complete list of respondents to the consultation, classified by type, is shown in **Appendix A**.

Overarching Issues raised by respondents

A summary of the overarching or more strategic issues raised by respondents to the consultation is given in **Appendix B** along with the Department's overall response to the issues raised.

Specific issues raised by respondents

The majority of respondents to the consultation focused on the second of the questions we posed in our consultation document, namely the degree to which they either supported or rejected our plans for each of the 62 statistical products listed in the Plan. Copies of each of the individual responses to the consultation can be provided on request (unless the respondent specifically requested anonymity). The individual submissions are summarized, anyway, in **Appendix C**, where they have been grouped by individual product and by type.

Our formal ‘Response to the Public Consultation’

The Department’s proposals for addressing the more specific issues raised with respect to each of the 62 products listed in the Statistics Plan are described in **Appendix D**. This constitutes the Department’s formal response to the public consultation on our Statistics Plan and, as such, meets the requirements set out in the Government’s *Code of Practice on Consultation*.

Looking to the Future

We are committed to user engagement and anticipate publishing Statistical Plans on a regular basis – possibly on a multi-year, rolling basis. This will ensure that users continue to have opportunities to comment on our proposed statistical collections and products.

In the meantime, and until such time as we have published a further Plan, the product portfolio set out in Appendix D forms the basis of our planned statistical work program from April 2012 onwards

Listing of the 62 respondents to the public consultation on the Draft Statistics Plan for 2011/12

User Groups, Charities, Academics, Researchers, Consultants, Lobbyists (Number = 27)

A. E. Holmans (Cambridge Centre)
Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research
Campaign to Protect Rural England
Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion (LSE)
Centre for Cities
Chartered Institute for Professional and Financial Accountants (CIPFA)
Chartered Institute of Housing
Empty Homes Network
Glenigan
Greater London Authority (Intelligence Unit)
Hirsh Planning
Homeless Link
House of Commons Library
Housing Statistics Network
Informed Solutions
Institute of Education (University of Warwick)
Keep Britain Tidy
Local Data Company
London Assembly – Liberal Democrat Group
National Foundation for Educational Research
National Housing Federation
National Retail Planning Forum
Shelter
South West Observatory
Teach First
Urban Renewal Officers' Group
West Midlands Information Group

Local Authorities (Number = 25)

Barnsley MBC
Birmingham City Council (Housing)
Birmingham City Council (Demography)
Bolton Council
Bristol City Council;
Durham CC
Elmbridge BC
Enfield Council (Housing)
Enfield Council (Policy/Research)
Greater London Authority
Hackney LB
Hampshire CC
Harrow LB
Knowsley Council
Leicestershire CC
Manchester City Council
Norfolk CC
Redbridge LB
Rochdale MBC
Salford City Council
Southwark LB
Surrey CC – Fire and Rescue Service
Walsall Council – Planning Service
Warwickshire CC
Warwickshire DC

Government Departments and other Crown Bodies (Number = 10)

Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)
Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)
Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC)
Department for Health (DH)
Homes and Communities Agency (HCA)
Information Centre for Health and Social Care (ICHSC)
Office for National Statistics (ONS)
Scottish Government
Tenant Services Authority (TSA)
Welsh Government

Summary of overarching comments on the Draft Statistics Plan

The vast majority of respondents to our public consultation directed their attention to our detailed proposals for the future management of the 62 individual products listed in the seven Annexes to the Draft Statistics Plan.

In so doing, however, a number of respondents took the opportunity to offer their views on a range of wider issues such as the consultation exercise itself; the Statistics Plan in its entirety; or DCLG’s whole approach to the collection and publication of official statistics. Where a particular issue attracted a number of complementary comments from consultation respondents, we have described that issue below, along with our response to the points raised.

Overarching issues raised by a number of respondents	DCLG response
<p>A number of respondents, particularly those with an interest in DCLG’s Housing statistics, registered their concern at the short duration of the consultation (a little over six weeks), pointing out that it overlapped with a series of public holidays and did not follow the recommended norm of 12 weeks.</p>	<p>We deemed it important to ascertain the user community’s views sufficiently early in the financial year to allow us to react accordingly. We also extended the duration of the consultation to cater for respondents’ requests for more time. We recognize, however, that the timetable for this consultation was too hurried for some users. In future, we intend to give stakeholders more time to consider our proposals.</p>
<p>On behalf of some sections of the Housing Statistics Network, their Chair went further and criticized the whole basis of the consultation and particularly the fact that, in the opinion of some members, it lacked any strategic basis.</p>	<p>We reject the suggestion that our Statistics Plan lacked any connection with the Department’s overall strategic objectives. As the Foreword to the Draft Plan indicates, it was drawn up in the context of the Department’s published Business Plan for the years 2011-15, and with reference to the Department’s earlier public consultation on the ‘Single Data List’ where the emphasis was on the Department’s own, and other public bodies’, data collections. Furthermore, the published ‘Rationale’ for each of our planned actions was directly linked to the strategic aims described in the Department’s Business Plan.</p>

Overarching issues raised by a number of respondents	DCLG response
<p>Several respondents declared that the Plan contained too little information to allow for a considered response, and requested further details about our proposals relating to a number of specified products. Others requested meetings with the relevant Statisticians in order to clarify what was intended in the Plan.</p>	<p>Some stakeholders may have been left with the mistaken impression that our consultation on the Plan was our last word on the subject. In many cases the ideas incorporated in the Plan were simply the first iteration of a set of proposals intended to become the subject of a more comprehensive consultation planned for a later date.</p> <p>In other cases our proposals were developed on the basis of earlier and more detailed consultations – all of which were listed in the published consultation document.</p>
<p>A few respondents suggested that DCLG should consider the possibility of outsourcing either its data collection activities, or its dissemination/publication processes</p>	<p>DCLG has recently reviewed its data collection activities in some areas and concluded that outsourcing was not viable either on cost/benefit grounds or for other reasons. Further reviews of other areas are planned this year. We continue to investigate new ways of disseminating our statistics and underlying data (subject to the necessary confidentiality constraints) and will work with others in the Government Statistical Service to support the government’s wider ‘Transparency’ agenda.</p>
<p>A number of respondents raised issues that were not germane to the questions posed in the consultation document.</p>	<p>Where appropriate, we have replied directly and separately to the correspondent concerned.</p>

Summary of Consultation Responses to our Draft Statistics Plan for 2011/12

This Appendix shows the identity of each of the respondents to DCLG's public consultation on its Draft Statistics Plan for 2011/12. Respondents have been categorised by the type of response they submitted to each 'Planned Action' described within each 'Theme'.

Respondents' submissions have been categorised according to the following typology:

- Respondent gave their explicit agreement and support to the proposal;
- Respondent gave their explicit agreement to the proposal but expressed reservations;
- Respondent gave their implicit support i.e. raised no objections to the proposal;
- Respondent expressed their disappointment with the proposal;
- Respondent expressed a substantive concern about the proposal;
- Respondent indicated their outright opposition to the proposal.

The following acronyms have been used to identify particular respondents:

CIH - Chartered Institute of Housing
CPRE - Campaign to Protect Rural England
DCMS - Department for Culture Media and Sport
DECC - Department for Energy and Climate Change
DH - Department for Health
GLA - Greater London Authority
H&P – Housing and Planning Research (Cambridge Centre)
H&SC - Health and Social Care (Information Centre for)
HCA - Homes and Communities Agency
HoC Library - House of Commons Library
LGA - Local Government Association
LSE - London School of Economics
ONS - Office for National Statistics
SW Observatory - South Western Observatory

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STATISTICAL THEME: LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

[If a respondent's name appears in bold this means that they submitted a substantive response with respect to the product in question]

Responses to each 'Planned Action' categorised by identity of respondent and type of response

Title of Product	Planned Action	Agreement and Support (Explicit)	Agreement (Explicit but with reservations)	Implicit support	Disappointment	Expressed concern	Opposition
Local Authority Capital Expenditure and Receipts: England Final Outturn	Retain	- Salford City - HoC Library - National Housing Federation		Remainder			
Local Authority Capital Expenditure and Receipts: England Forecast	Retain	- Salford City - HoC Library - National Housing Federation		Remainder			
Local Authority Capital Expenditure and Receipts: England Provisional Outturn	Retain	- Salford City - HoC Library - National Housing Federation		Remainder			
Local Authority Capital Expenditure and Receipts: England Second Provisional Outturn	Retain	- Salford City - HoC Library - National Housing Federation		Remainder			
Local Authority Revenue Expenditure and Financing: England Budget	Retain	- Salford City - HoC Library - National Housing Federation		Remainder			
Local Authority Revenue Expenditure and Financing: England Final	Retain	- Salford City - HoC Library - National		Remainder			

Title of Product	Planned Action	Agreement and Support (Explicit)	Agreement (Explicit but with reservations)	Implicit support	Disappointment	Expressed concern	Opposition
Outturn		Housing Federation					
Local Authority Revenue Expenditure and Financing: England Provisional Outturn	Retain	- Salford City - HoC Library - National Housing Federation		Remainder			
Capital Forecast return	Retain	- Salford City - HoC Library - National Housing Federation		Remainder			
Capital Payment and Receipts (Live tables)	Retain	- Salford City - HoC Library - National Housing Federation		Remainder			
Collection Rates for Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates: England	Retain	- Salford City - HoC Library - National Housing Federation		Remainder			
Levels of Council Tax set by Local Authorities: England	Retain	- Salford City - HoC Library - National Housing Federation		Remainder			
Local Government Pension Scheme Funds: England	Retain	- Salford City - HoC Library - National Housing Federation		Remainder			
National Non-Domestic Rates to be Collected: England	Retain	- Salford City - HoC Library - National Housing Federation		Remainder			
National Non-Domestic	Retain	- Salford City		Remainder			

Title of Product	Planned Action	Agreement and Support (Explicit)	Agreement (Explicit but with reservations)	Implicit support	Disappointment	Expressed concern	Opposition
Rates Collected: England		- HoC Library - National Housing Federation					
Local Authority Council Taxbase: England	Retain	- Salford City - HoC Library - National Housing Federation		Remainder			
Quarterly Revenue Outturn	Retain	- Salford City - HoC Library - National Housing Federation		Remainder		Knowsley	
Local Government Financial Statistics (LGFS)	Retain	- Salford City - HoC Library - National Housing Federation		Remainder			
Local Government Key Facts Card: England	Cease	- Salford City - HoC Library - National Housing Federation - Chartered Institute of Housing - Redbridge		Remainder			

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STATISTICAL THEME: HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

[If a respondent's name appears in bold, this means that they submitted a substantive response with respect to the product in question]

Responses to each 'Planned Action' categorised by identity of respondent and type of response

Title of Product	Planned Action	Agreement and Support (Explicit)	Agreement (Explicit but with reservations)	Implicit support	Disappointment	Expressed Concern	Opposition
House Building Statistics	Retain	- HCA - Barnsley - Durham CC - Norfolk CC - Bristol City - HoC Library	- GLA - A E Holmans	Remainder			
English Housing Survey (EHS) Headline report Annual headline findings on household trends and stock condition and energy efficiency	Retain	- Barnsley - Durham CC - GLA - Bristol City - HoC Library		Remainder			
EHS Household Report – annual report on trends in housing tenure and housing circumstances including overcrowding	Retain, but reduce detail	- Barnsley - Durham CC - GLA - ONS - Kathy Brookes-Duncan - HoC Library	- Shelter - Hackney LB - Salford City - National Housing Fed - Homeless Link - DH - Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH)	Remainder	- Centre for Cities	- HCA	
EHS Housing Stock Report – annual report on changing condition and energy efficiency of the housing stock	Retain, but reduce detail	- Barnsley - Durham CC - ONS - Kathy Brookes-Duncan - HoC Library	- Shelter - GLA - Hackney LB - Salford City - DECC - National	Remainder		- HCA	

Title of Product	Planned Action	Agreement and Support (Explicit)	Agreement (Explicit but with reservations)	Implicit support	Disappointment	Expressed Concern	Opposition
			Housing Fed - Homeless Link - CIH				
Projections of Households in England	Retain	- HCA - Barnsley - Durham CC - GLA - Birmingham City (Dem) - Norfolk CC - Bristol City - National Housing Fed - HoC Library	- A E Holmans	Remainder			
Dwelling/Housing Stock – England	Retain	- HCA - Barnsley - Durham CC - GLA - Bristol City - HoC Library	- A E Holmans	Remainder			
Gross Affordable Housing Supply	Retain	- HCA - Barnsley - Durham CC - GLA - HoC Library	- Bristol City	Remainder			
Homelessness Prevention and Relief	Retain	- Barnsley - Durham CC - GLA - DH - Salford City - Homeless Link - Bristol City - HoC Library		Remainder			
Rough Sleeping Statistics	Retain	- SW Observatory - Barnsley - Durham CC - Cambridge Centre (H&P) - GLA		Remainder			

Title of Product	Planned Action	Agreement and Support (Explicit)	Agreement (Explicit but with reservations)	Implicit support	Disappointment	Expressed Concern	Opposition
		- DH - Salford City - Homeless Link - Bristol City - HoC Library					
Count of Gypsy and Traveller Caravans	Retain	- SW Observatory - Barnsley - Durham CC - GLA - DH - Salford City - Norfolk CC - Bristol City - HoC Library		Remainder			
Social Rents live tables	Retain	- Barnsley - Durham CC - GLA - Bristol City - HoC Library		Remainder			
Social Lettings Tables – adjusted for missing Local Authority Landlord data	Retain	- Barnsley - Durham CC - GLA - HoC Library	- Bristol City - A E Holmans	Remainder			
House Price Index (HPI)	Out of scope because it is subject to the conclusions of the National Statistician's Review of Housing Market Statistics	- SW Observatory - Barnsley - Durham CC	- Redbridge - National Housing Federation	Remainder			
Net Supply of Housing for England and the Regions	Retain (subject to further review)	- Barnsley - Durham CC - CIH - GLA - Bristol City - HoC Library	- A E Holmans - Leicestershire CC	Remainder			
Statutory Homelessness	Reduce detail	- Barnsley	- CIH	Remainder			- Shelter

Title of Product	Planned Action	Agreement and Support (Explicit)	Agreement (Explicit but with reservations)	Implicit support	Disappointment	Expressed Concern	Opposition
Statistics	of quarterly release to include the most high profile and volatile data with a more detailed publication at year end including less volatile demographic breakdowns.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Durham CC - Cambridge Centre (H&P) - DH - Southwark LB - HoC Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GLA - Salford City - Manchester City - National Housing Fed - Redbridge 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Birmingham City (Housing) - Homeless Link
Local Authority Housing Statistics: Housing Strategy Statistical Appendix (HSSA)	Re-design, reducing the number of data items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Durham CC - CIH - Warwickshire CC - Bristol City - Kathy Brookes-Duncan - HoC Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barnsley - Shelter - Birmingham City (Housing) - Knowsley MBC - GLA - Hackney LB - Salford City - CPRE - Norfolk CC - Southwark LB - ONS - Bolton - National Housing Fed - Redbridge - Leicestershire CC 	Remainder	- Centre for Cities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Urban Renewal Officers Group - Cambridge Centre (H&P) 	
Business Planning Statistical Appendix (BPSA)	Consider merging with HSSA or alternative data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Durham CC - CIH - Bristol City - Kathy Brookes- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barnsley - Shelter - GLA - National 	Remainder		- Southwark LB	

Title of Product	Planned Action	Agreement and Support (Explicit)	Agreement (Explicit but with reservations)	Implicit support	Disappointment	Expressed Concern	Opposition
	collection whilst reducing the number of data items.	Duncan - HoC Library	Housing Fed - Salford City				
Social Housing Sales (Council House Sales)	Retain (but combine local authority data collection with HSSA)	- Durham CC - GLA - Salford City - Bristol City - Welsh Govt - HoC Library - CIH	- Barnsley - National Housing Fed	Remainder			- Southwark LB
Private Rental Sector Landlords Survey	Retain (subject to further review)	- Barnsley - Durham CC - CIH - GLA - Salford City - HoC Library	- National Housing Fed	Remainder			
Housing and Planning Statistics (Compendium publication)	Cease (and replace with website narrative)	- Barnsley - Durham CC - CIH - ONS - National Housing Fed - Redbridge - HoC Library	- Shelter - GLA - DECC	Remainder	- CPRE - A E Holmans		
Housing and Planning Key Facts (Compendium publication)	Cease	- Barnsley - Durham CC - ONS - National Housing Fed - Redbridge - HoC Library	- Shelter - GLA - Southwark LB	Remainder	- CPRE		- Researcher London Assembly (Lib Dems)
Mortgage Rescue Scheme Monitoring Statistics	Cease product (but retain small money advice section of the local authority form, reducing	- Barnsley - Durham CC - GLA - HoC Library	- Bristol City	Remainder		- National Housing Fed	- Shelter - CIH - Hackney LB - Salford City - Redbridge

Title of Product	Planned Action	Agreement and Support (Explicit)	Agreement (Explicit but with reservations)	Implicit support	Disappointment	Expressed Concern	Opposition
	frequency of collection to quarterly)						
Electronic Survey of Empty Homes (ESEH) (for Neighbourhood Statistics only – not a separate DCLG output)	Cease	- Barnsley - Durham CC - CIH - Bristol City - Redbridge - HoC Library	- ONS - National Housing Fed	Remainder	- Centre for Cities - Leicestershire CC	- Salford City	- HCA - Shelter - GLA
Local Area Council Tax Dwellings (for Neighbourhood Statistics only – not a separate DCLG output)	DCLG to cease data collection and production of this dataset (and support the transition to an alternative organisation if there is a demand for its continuation)	- Barnsley - Durham CC - HoC Library	- Southwark LB - ONS	Remainder	- SW Observatory - Centre for Cities	- Birmingham City (D) - Norfolk CC - Enfield - Redbridge - Welsh Govt - GLA (Intelligence Unit) - Cambridge Centre - Leicestershire CC	- Shelter - GLA
Register of Licensed Houses in Multiple Occupation (ROLHMO)	Cease	- Barnsley - Durham CC - Bristol City - HoC Library - Salford City	- Enfield - National Housing Fed	Remainder			- Shelter - Birmingham City (H) - CIH - Southwark LB - Redbridge

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STATISTICAL THEME: PLANNING PERFORMANCE AND LAND USE

[If a respondent's name appears in bold, this means that they submitted a substantive response with respect to the product in question]

Responses to each 'Planned Action' categorised by identity of respondent and type of response

Title of Product	Planned Action	Agreement and Support (Explicit)	Agreement (Explicit but with reservations)	Implicit support	Disappointment	Expressed Concern	Opposition
Land Use Change Statistics: England	Retain	- GLA	- Warwickshire CC - Keep Britain Tidy	Remainder			
Commercial and Industrial Floor space and Rateable Value Statistics	Cease and plan to re-start as new Valuation Office Agency Statistics	- Enfield	- SW Observatory - Centre for Cities - National Retail Planning Forum - GLA - Hampshire CC - DECC - ONS - Bolton - Redbridge	Remainder		- Barnsley - W Midlands Information Group - Hackney LB	- Walsall
Extent of retail development taking place in Town Centres: England	Cease (internally) and consider options for monitoring	- Redbridge		Remainder		- National Retail Planning Forum - W Midlands Information Group - Hackney LB	- Walsall - GLA - Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)
Green Belt Statistics: England	Reduce frequency to 2 or	- Bolton - Centre for		Remainder			- GLA - CPRE

Title of Product	Planned Action	Agreement and Support (Explicit)	Agreement (Explicit but with reservations)	Implicit support	Disappointment	Expressed Concern	Opposition
	3-yearly	Cities					
Planning Applications	Reduce frequency to annual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walsall - GLA - Bolton - Centre for Cities 		Remainder		- National Housing Federation	

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STATISTICAL THEME: DEPRIVATION

[If a respondent's name appears in bold this means that they submitted a substantive response with respect to the product in question]

Responses to each 'Planned Action' categorised by identity of respondent and type of response

Title of Product	Planned Action	Agreement and Support (Explicit)	Agreement (Explicit but with reservations and suggestions)	Implicit support	Disappointment	Expressed concern	Opposition
Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)	Retain - subject to ongoing internal review		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SW Observatory - Barnsley - Knowsley - Hampshire CC - Warwickshire CC - Hackney LB - Information Centre (H&SC) - DH - HoC Library - Keep Britain Tidy - Norfolk CC - DECC - ONS - Manchester CC - Bolton - Enfield - National Housing Federation - Redbridge - DCMS - LGA (Intelligence Unit) - LSE (CASE) 	Remainder			
Economic	Cease (once)	- Redbridge	- SW Observatory	Remainder	- HoC Library	- Knowsley	- ONS

Title of Product	Planned Action	Agreement and Support (Explicit)	Agreement (Explicit but with reservations and suggestions)	Implicit support	Disappointment	Expressed concern	Opposition
Deprivation Index (EDI)	current contract ends in September 2012)		- Cambridge Centre (H&P)			- Warwickshire CC - Rochdale - LGA (Intelligence Unit)	
Children in Income Deprivation Index (CIDI)	Cease (once current contract fulfilled)	- Redbridge	- SW Observatory - Durham CC - Cambridge Centre (H&P)	Remainder	- Manchester CC	- Knowsley - Warwickshire CC - DH - HoC Library - Rochdale - National Foundation for Educational Research - LGA (Intelligence Unit)	- Teach First - LSE (CASE) - University of Warwick
Child Wellbeing Index (CWI)	Cease	Redbridge	- SW Observatory - Cambridge Centre (H&P) - HoC Library	Remainder	- Manchester CC	- Knowsley - Warwickshire CC - DH - LGA (Intelligence Unit)	

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STATISTICAL THEME: COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS

[If a respondent’s name appears in bold this means that they submitted a substantive response with respect to the product in question]

Responses to each ‘Planned Action’ categorised by identity of respondent and type of response

Title of Product	Planned Action		Agreement and Support (Explicit)	Agreement (Explicit but with reservations)	Implicit support	Disappointment	Expressed concern	Opposition
Citizenship Survey: Headline Findings	Cancel after publication of 2010-11 data							
Citizenship Survey: Community Spirit	Cancel after publication of 2009-10 data							
Citizenship Survey: Community Action in England	Cancel after publication of 2009-10 data							
Citizenship Survey: Race, Religion and Equalities Topic Report	Cancel after publication of 2009-10 data							
Summary - All of the above Products			- Redbridge		Remainder	- Chartered Institute of Housing (CIC) - National Housing Federation	- SW Observatory - Hackney LB - Salford - HoC Library - Keep Britain Tidy - Bolton - Welsh Government	

Note: Many organisations will have responded separately to the Department’s earlier consultation dedicated to our proposals covering the future of the Citizenship Survey.

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STATISTICAL THEME: FIRE AND RESCUE

[If a respondent's name appears in bold this means that they submitted a substantive response with respect to the product in question]

Responses to each 'Planned Action' categorised by identity of respondent and type of response

Title of Product	Planned Action	Agreement and Support (Explicit)	Agreement (Explicit but with reservations)	Implicit support	Disappointment	Expressed concerns	Opposition
Fire Statistics Monitor	Retain						
Fire Statistics Annual	Retain						
Fire and Rescue Service Operational Statistics	Reduce and modify in the light of submissions received in response to the recent public consultation						
Fires in the Home: Findings from the 'English Housing Survey' (EHS)	Review later in the light of plans for the EHS						
Summary - All of the above products		- Surrey Fire and Rescue Service - Welsh Government - Scottish Government		Remainder ¹			

¹ Many organisations will have responded separately to the Department's recent public consultation dedicated to our plans for the future of 'Fire and Rescue statistics'.

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STATISTICAL THEME: OTHER DCLG BUSINESS AREAS

[If a respondent's name appears in bold this means that they submitted a substantive response with respect to the product in question]

Responses to each 'Planned Action' categorised by identity of respondent and type of response

Title of Product	Planned Action	Agreement and Support (Explicit)	Agreement (explicit but with reservations, suggestions, etc)	Implicit support	Disappointment	Expressed concern	Opposition
Code for Sustainable Homes and Energy Performance of Buildings	Retain	- Chartered Institute for Housing (CIC) - Bristol CC	- Barnsley - Welsh Government	Remainder			
Supporting People – Quarterly Client Records and Outcomes	Cease once the data have been collected for the current financial year, 2010/11	- Redbridge	- SW Observatory - Chartered Institute of Housing - Dept of Health	Remainder	- Enfield	- Homeless Link - Bristol CC - National Housing Federation - Salford	

FINAL STATISTICS PLAN

This Appendix recasts the contents of each of the seven Annexes incorporated in our 'Draft Statistics Plan for 2011/12' to show how we have decided to proceed in the light of the responses we received to our public consultation on that Plan. In a large number of cases, and with the majority support of users, we have decided to implement the proposals incorporated in the Draft Plan, unchanged. In other cases we have adapted our proposals to reflect the concerns expressed by some respondents to the consultation. In some cases we have given users a further opportunity to comment on our proposals by launching additional and more detailed public consultations. Users will have a further opportunity to comment on our proposals when we publish our next Statistics Plan. The seven Annexes cover:

- Annex 1** – Local Government Finance statistics
- Annex 2** – Housing and Homelessness statistics
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Notes on 'Designation':

The 'Official Statistics' label means that the statistics in question meet the governance conditions set out in Section 6 of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007¹ as well as the definitional criteria set out in the National Statistician's non-statutory 'Guidance on Identifying Official Statistics'².

The 'National Statistics' label is a statutory designation and applies to a particular subset of official statistics. The 'National Statistics' designation signifies that the statistics in question have been judged to be compliant with the UK Statistics Authority's *Code of Practice for Official Statistics*.

¹ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2007/18/contents>

² <http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/national-statistician/ns-reports--reviews-and-guidance/national-statistician-s-guidance/index.html>

STATISTICAL THEME: LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

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Title of Product or Service	Designation and current frequency	Data Source(s)	Proposal (as per Draft Plan)	Rationale for original proposal	Decision (Final Plan)
Local Authority Capital Expenditure and Receipts: England Final Outturn	National Statistics (Annual)	Capital Outturn Returns (COR)	Retain	To meet HM Treasury's (HMT) requirements for macro-economic monitoring, reporting and planning, and to feed into the Office for National Statistics' (ONS) compilation of the National Accounts. Also used by Local Authorities and other government departments.	No change to Draft Plan
Local Authority Capital Expenditure and Receipts: England Forecast	National Statistics (Annual)	Capital Estimate Returns (CER)	Retain	Required by HMT for public finance forecasting, and by Local Government Finance policy colleagues to monitor local authority capital expenditure and financing and the prudential system.	No change to Draft Plan
Local Authority Capital Expenditure and Receipts: England Provisional Outturn	National Statistics (Annual)	Capital Payments and Receipts Return (CPR4)	Retain	As per first row. Earlier schedule is key to ONS and HMT timetables for statistical publications, and planning of public finances.	No change to Draft Plan
Local Authority Capital Expenditure and Receipts: England Second Provisional Outturn	National Statistics (Annual)	Capital Outturn Returns (COR)	Retain	This release contains the headline information that is published in a timely fashion before the detail in the final outturn is ready. This ensures that users have the headline statistics as soon as possible.	No change to Draft Plan

Title of Product or Service	Designation and current frequency	Data Source(s)	Proposal (as per Draft Plan)	Rationale for original proposal	Decision (Final Plan)
Local Authority Revenue Expenditure and Financing: England Budget	National Statistics (Annual)	Revenue Accounts Budgets (RA)	Retain	Provides Ministers with up to date information for decision-making. Used by ONS/HMT in public expenditure monitoring, policy making and fiscal forecasting. DCLG use this information for various purposes including assessing capitalisation requests and monitoring reserves.	No change to Draft Plan
Local Authority Revenue Expenditure and Financing: England Final Outturn	National Statistics (Annual)	Revenue Outturn (RO)	Retain	To meet HMT's requirements for macro-economic monitoring, reporting and planning, and to feed into ONS's compilation of the National Accounts. Also used by Local Authorities, by other government departments, and by DCLG to inform policy and set grants.	No change to Draft Plan
Local Authority Revenue Expenditure and Financing: England Provisional Outturn	National Statistics (Annual)	Revenue Summary (RS)	Retain	As per previous entry. Earlier schedule is key to ONS and HMT timetables for statistical publications, and planning of public finances.	No change to Draft Plan
Capital Forecast return	Official Statistics (Annual)	Capital Forecast Returns (CFR)	Retain	Provides early indication of expenditure and receipts for the year.	No change to Draft Plan
Capital Payment and Receipts (Live tables)	Official Statistics (Quarterly)	Capital Payments and Receipts (CPR1,2,3 & 4)	Retain	Provides timely outturn information to feed into ONS's National Accounts and public sector finance releases.	No change to Draft Plan
Collection Rates for Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates: England	National Statistics (Annual)	Quarterly Return of Council Taxes and Non-	Retain	Required by ONS to compile the National Accounts. Also used to monitor the collection	No change to Draft Plan

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		Domestic Rates (QRC4)		rates of local authorities.	
Levels of Council Tax set by Local Authorities: England	National Statistics (Annual)	Budget Requirement (BR)	Retain	Used by Ministers and officials for policy purposes and a central source of all council tax levels across England.	No change to Draft Plan
Local Government Pension Scheme Funds: England	Official Statistics (Annual)	Local Government Pension Scheme Funds (SF3) form	Retain	Data used in ONS's National Accounts and by DCLG pensions team to monitor the Local Government Pension Scheme.	No change to Draft Plan
National Non-Domestic Rates to be Collected: England	Official Statistics (Annual)	National Non-domestic rates return (NNDR1)	Retain	Essential to determining LA contributions to the pool and running the non-domestic rates system.	No change to Draft Plan
National Non-Domestic Rates Collected: England	Official Statistics (Annual)	National Non-domestic rates return (NNDR3)	Retain	Determines final contributions to the pool. Feeds into the National Accounts.	No change to Draft Plan
Local Authority Council Tax Base: England	Official Statistics (Annual)	Council Tax Base (CTB) and Council Tax Base Supplementary (CTB(S))	Retain	Essential to the calculation of Formula Grant for Local Government Finance Settlement. Supplementary data used by a number of areas in DCLG, particularly Housing for the New Homes Bonus.	No change to Draft Plan
Quarterly Revenue Outturn	Official Statistics (Quarterly - financial year quarters 1-3)	QRO forms	Retain	To feed into ONS's compilation of the National Accounts and for HMT for fiscal forecasting and policy formulation.	No change to Draft Plan
Local Government Financial Statistics (LGFS)	National Statistics (Annual)	All – summary publication	Retain	Publication meets a statutory requirement and provides an easily accessible overview of the local government finance	No change to Draft Plan

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				system.	
Local Government Key Facts Card: England	National Statistics (Annual)	All – summary publication	Cease	Contents made available in Local Government Financial Statistics (See above).	No change to Draft Plan
Firefighters' Pension Scheme (FPS)	Official Statistics (Annual)	FPS Forms	New product - not included in original Plan	Used to determine levels of central government payments to the authorities.	Retain
Local Authority Borrowing and Investments	Official Statistics (Annual)	LA B&I Forms	New product - not included in original Plan	Data feeds into the ONS's compilation of the National Accounts and public sector finances on a monthly basis.	Retain

STATISTICAL THEME: HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

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Title of Product or Service	Designation and current frequency	Data Source(s)	Proposal (as per Draft Plan)	Rationale for original proposal	Decision (Final Plan)
House Building Statistics	National Statistics (Quarterly)	Local authority returns (P2) National House Building Council data	Retain	Forms part of the core housing evidence base. Statistics series reflects health of housing market and wider economy and has wide range of DCLG and external users and uses. The series is a leading indicator of net housing supply which constitutes one of the Department's Impact Indicators.	No change to Draft Plan We have improved our explanation of the relationships between statistics on house building, net housing supply and dwelling stock in the relevant statistical releases. We are working to include dwellings recorded by 'other' approved building inspectors in the house building statistics series.
English Housing Survey (EHS) Headline report - Annual headline findings on household trends and stock condition and energy efficiency	National Statistics (Annual)	English Housing Survey (EHS)	Retain	Cross-cutting, flexible and long-standing source of evidence on housing, used for policy development in DCLG and wider. Heavily used by other government departments (OGDs), including for energy efficiency and fuel poverty policy monitoring and analysis by DECC who part-fund the survey. A major cost reduction has been achieved for 2011-12 onwards.	No change to Draft Plan. We noted the concern about any reduction in published data and tables. To clarify, there is no further proposed reduction in available EHS data and tables. The only reduction planned is in the detailed commentary and charts.
EHS Household Report – annual report on trends in	National Statistics (Annual)	English Housing Survey (EHS)	Retain, but reduce detail		No change to Draft Plan (see comment re. Headline

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housing tenure and housing circumstances including overcrowding					Report)
EHS Housing Stock Report – annual report on changing condition and energy efficiency of the housing stock	National Statistics (Annual)	English Housing Survey (EHS)	Retain, but reduce detail		No change to Draft Plan (see comment re. Headline Report)
Projections of Households in England	National Statistics (Biennial)	ONS population projections Census data ONS Labour Force Survey	Retain	Forms part of the core housing evidence base for local and central government. Uses include formation of housing strategy and planning of local services. Wide range of DCLG and external users. Does not represent reporting burden on local government.	No change to Draft Plan
Dwelling/Housing Stock – England	Official Statistics (Annual)	Census data, Local authority returns (HFR) GLA data return	Retain	Forms part of the core housing evidence base. Used by the department in monitoring of policy and wide range of external users.	No change to Draft Plan
Gross Affordable Housing Supply	National Statistics (Annual)	Various sources including HCA's Investment Management System (IMS) and local authority data returns (HSSA, P2, P1B).	Retain	Enables assessment of the Government's housing priority to support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in communities. Allows assessment of Government's aspiration for up to 150,000 new affordable homes over the spending review period. Will be used in calculating the New Homes Bonus payments.	No change to Draft Plan
Homelessness Prevention and	Experimental Official	Local authority returns (P1E)	Retain	Enables assessment of the Government's housing priority to	No change to Draft Plan

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Relief	Statistics (Annual)			support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in communities. Allows value for money analysis of homelessness grant and assessment of effectiveness of homelessness prevention activities. Reflects demand on local authority housing services.	
Rough Sleeping Statistics	Experimental Official Statistics (Annual)	Local authority returns (RS1)	Retain	Enables assessment of the Government's housing priority to support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in communities. Central guidance on evaluating the extent of rough sleeping was revised after public consultation resulting in a new 'rough sleeping' statistical series being published for the first time in February 2011.	No change to Draft Plan
Count of Gypsy and Traveller Caravans	Official Statistics (Bi-annual)	Local authority returns	Retain	Data used to support the formulation and monitoring of Gypsy and Traveller policy and to monitor size of population.	No change to Draft Plan
Social Rents live tables	Official Statistics (Annual)	Local authority administrative returns (HRA) and housing association returns (RSR)	Retain	Enables monitoring of new Affordable Rent policy, government policy on setting of social rents as well as strengthening accountability of local authorities and housing associations. Wide use externally. Local authority rent levels will be collected through the rationalised housing form (ELASH) following the move to HRA self financing.	No change to Draft Plan
Social Lettings Tables – adjusted for missing Local	Official Statistics (Annual)	Continuous Recording of Lettings (CORE) from local authorities	Retain	Gives a complete picture of social lettings. Used in formulation, and will allow monitoring, of	No change to Draft Plan

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Authority Landlord data		and housing associations.		Government's plans for the reform of social housing.	
House Price Index (HPI)	Official Statistics (Monthly)	Regulated Mortgage Survey (lenders)	Out of scope because subject to the conclusions of the National Statistician's Review of Housing Market Statistics	The National Statistician carried out a review of official house price statistics as well as a wider review of housing market statistics. It has now been agreed that production of the HPI will transfer to the ONS from April 2012.	No change to Draft Plan
Net Supply of Housing for England	Official Statistics (Annual)	Local authority returns (HFR) GLA data return	Retain (subject to further review)	Enables assessment of the Government's priority to stimulate housing growth and monitor the New Homes Bonus. The series constitutes one of a number of DCLG Impact Indicators designed to help the public judge the effect of the Department's policies and reforms.	No change to Draft Plan
Statutory Homelessness Statistics	National Statistics (Quarterly)	Local authority returns (P1E)	Reduce detail of quarterly release to include the most high profile and volatile data with a more detailed publication at year end including less volatile demographic breakdowns.	Enables assessment of the Government's housing priority to support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in communities. Reflects demand on local authority housing services. The number of households in temporary accommodation is a DCLG Impact Indicator and will continue to be published quarterly with other headline figures.	No change to Draft Plan. There will be no reduction in the number of tables and data published with the quarterly release, simply a reduction in the text which will be offset by a fuller commentary in the release at the end of the financial year

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Local Authority Housing Statistics: Housing Strategy Statistical Appendix (HSSA)	National Statistics (Annual)	Local authority returns (HSSA)	Re-design, reducing the number of data items.	Forms part of the core housing evidence base and allows assessment of plans for reform of social housing. Data collection to be reviewed for 2011/12 to capture only the highest priority and most relevant data items in order to reduce burden on local government.	No change to Draft Plan. The review took place over the summer/autumn 2011 in liaison with CLiP Housing. This led to a proposed rationalisation of the housing data collections which have been put out for public consultation (10 January to 2 April 2012). Responses to this will inform the data collection for 2011/12.
Business Planning Statistical Appendix (BPSA)	National Statistics (Annual)	Local authority returns (LA landlords only) (BPSA)	Consider merging with HSSA or alternative data collection whilst reducing the number of data items.	As above, data collection to be reviewed alongside the HSSA and other local housing statistics collections in order to avoid any duplication and ensure retention of only the highest priority data items.	As above
Social Housing Sales (Council House Sales)	National Statistics (Annual)	Local authority (P1B) and housing association returns (RSR, CORE IMS)	Retain (but combine local authority data collection with HSSA)	High internal use. Reduction in burden recently achieved by reducing the frequency from quarterly to annual. This proposed change will reduce the data collection burden on local government but could also result in less timely statistics.	No change to Draft Plan. Users are being consulted on collection of local authority data on social housing sales on the rationalised housing form (10 January to 2 April 2012).
Private Rental Sector Landlords Survey	Official Statistics (Ad hoc)	Ad hoc survey of private landlords	Retain (subject to further review)	Only source of data for all types of private landlord.	No change to Draft Plan
Housing and Planning Statistics (Compendium publication)	National Statistics (Annual)	Various	Cease (and replace with website narrative)	Low use relative to other outputs. Will be replaced with narrative around housing 'live tables' on Department's website.	No change to Draft Plan
Housing and	Official	Various	Cease	Low use relative to other outputs.	No change to Draft Plan

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Planning Key Facts (Compendium publication)	Statistics (Quarterly)				
Mortgage Rescue Scheme Monitoring Statistics	Official Statistics (Quarterly - data collected monthly)	Local authority returns (Mortgage Rescue Monitoring Return), HCA management information	Cease product (but retain small money advice section of the local authority form, reducing frequency of collection to quarterly)	Changes to the administration of the scheme mean the Department no longer has use for detailed data on the pipeline of cases. Data still required for monitoring the impact of the scheme to encourage households to seek advice from their local authority. Reflects demand for local housing services. Represents significant reduction in burden on local government.	No change to Draft Plan In acknowledgment of concerns, the Homes and Communities Agency will publish a biannual summary of monitoring information on the scheme.
Electronic Survey of Empty Homes (ESEH) (for Neighbourhood Statistics only – not a separate DCLG output)	Official Statistics (Annual)	Local Authority Council Tax systems	Cease	Low use by the Department relative to other outputs.	No change to Draft Plan We have noted concerns. In January 2011 the Department published a new housing 'live table' providing statistics on all vacant dwellings and long-term vacant dwellings at a local authority level, including statistics for local authority owned, housing association and other public sector dwellings. This output will be retained going forwards.
Local Area Council Tax Dwellings (for Neighbourhood Statistics only – not a separate DCLG output)	Official Statistics (Annual)	Valuation Office Agency (VOA)	DCLG to cease data collection and production of this dataset (and support the transition to an alternative organisation if	Low use by the Department relative to other outputs.	No change to Draft Plan We noted concerns from a range of users and will liaise with VOA to explore options for the continued publication of data on council tax dwellings at the local level. This fits well with VOA's plan to

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			there is a demand for its continuation)		disseminate more statistics based on its data. Note: the VOA plans to publish a new statistical release in late August on council tax dwellings at sub local authority level.
Register of Licensed Houses in Multiple Occupation (ROLHMO)	Not an 'Official Statistics' output – used for PQs (Ad hoc)	Local authority returns	Cease	Although local authorities are required to maintain a local register there is no statutory requirement for them to provide data on the number of licenses issued. Also the coverage is incomplete. This represents an unnecessary burden on local government.	No change to Draft Plan We acknowledge concerns and have proposed questions on HMOs in the rationalised local authority housing data collection consultation (running from 10 January to 2 April 2012)

STATISTICAL THEME: PLANNING PERFORMANCE AND LAND USE

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Land Use Change Statistics: England (LUCS)	National Statistics (Annual)	Ordnance Survey	Retain	Monitoring the land use effects of new policies to reform the planning system, including those on housing density and 'garden development'. Core evidence base for the Department and external partners. Recently reduced from quarterly to annual publication.	No change to Draft Plan. The next publication will be in 2012 (final date to be announced). Current annual publication schedule followed previous consultation in 2010 http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/statisticschangesresponses
Commercial and Industrial Floor Space and Rateable Value Statistics	National Statistics (Annual)	Valuation Office Agency	Cease and plan to re-start as new Valuation Office Agency Statistics	High cost of purchase and analysis of Valuation Office Agency (VOA) data. Discussions proceeding for VOA to develop a new publication which would meet the need to monitor commercial development.	No change to Draft plan We noted concern for continuity with the start of a new VOA product. We will liaise with VOA to facilitate the new statistics series and product. This fits well with VOA's plan to disseminate more statistics based on its data.
Extent of retail development taking place in Town Centres: England	Official Statistics (Biennial)	Valuation Office Agency	Cease (internally) and consider options for monitoring	High cost of purchase and analysis of Valuation Office Agency data. Subject to resources, could procure from amongst several private sector companies offering monitoring services.	No change to Draft Plan. We note strong concern that these statistics are important. We are currently exploring options for monitoring town centre policy. We aim to commission research early in 2012/13 to identify options for monitoring.

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Green Belt Statistics: England	National Statistics (Annual)	Return from Local Authorities (AGB1)	Reduce frequency to 2 or 3-yearly	Need to monitor the extent of Green Belts. Areas change slowly so change could be identified in a '3 yearly' release.	<p>Revert to annual publication.</p> <p>The next publication will be in 2012 (final date to be announced)</p> <p>We acknowledge concern that these statistics are important for monitoring policy and have decided, therefore, to revert to annual publication subject to further review.</p>
Planning Applications	National Statistics (Quarterly)	Return from Local Authorities (PSF, CS1 and 2)	Reduce frequency to annual	Core evidence base but consider annual publication will be sufficient to identify trends in planning applications.	<p>Revert to quarterly publication.</p> <p>We acknowledge concern that these statistics are important for monitoring policy and have decided, therefore, to revert to quarterly publication subject to further review.</p>

STATISTICAL THEME: DEPRIVATION

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Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)	Official Statistics (Triennial)	Multiple sources	Retain - subject to ongoing internal review	Core evidence base. Used heavily, internally and externally, for example in allocation of funding. Strong demand from users for further updates likely but, given the costs, requirement needs reviewing before contract re-let.	No change to Draft Plan. We have noted strong user support for continuation of the IMD, and users' desire for clarity about the timetable and scope of our planned internal review.
Economic Deprivation Index (EDI)	Official Statistics (Ad hoc)	Multiple sources	Cease (once current contract ends in September 2012)	Mainly used externally including by other government departments so we would look to other government departments to take it on if demand exists beyond existing contract.	No change to Draft Plan
Children in Income Deprivation Index (CIDI)	Official Statistics (Ad hoc)	Multiple sources	Cease (once current contract fulfilled)	As EDI (above).	No change to Draft Plan
Child Wellbeing Index (CWI)	Official Statistics (Ad hoc)	Multiple sources	Cease	One-off feasibility report and no plans to repeat. If there is continued external interest this product could, potentially, be taken forward by another government department.	No change to Draft Plan

STATISTICAL THEME: COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS

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Citizenship Survey: Headline Findings	National Statistics (Quarterly)	Citizenship Survey	Cancel after publication of 2010-11 data	As part of the current drive to deliver cost savings across government and to reduce the fiscal deficit, research budgets are being closely scrutinized to identify where savings can be made. For this reason, and the belief that priority data from this survey can either be dropped; collected less frequently; or collected via other means, the decision has been taken to cancel future Citizenship Surveys.	No change to Draft Plan
Citizenship Survey: Community Spirit	National Statistics (Annual)	Citizenship Survey	Cancel after publication of 2009/10 data	As above.	No change to Draft Plan
Citizenship Survey: Community Action in England	National Statistics (Annual)	Citizenship Survey	Cancel after publication of 2009/10 data	As above.	No change to Draft Plan
Citizenship Survey: Race, Religion and Equalities Topic Report	National Statistics (Annual)	Citizenship Survey	Cancel after publication of 2009/10 data	As above.	No change to Draft Plan

STATISTICAL THEME: FIRE AND RESCUE

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Fire Statistics Monitor	National Statistics (Quarterly)	Fire and Rescue Incident Records	Retain	Contains latest quality assured statistics on numbers of fire incidents by type and numbers of fatal and non-fatal casualties. Fire Casualties have been selected as one of a range of Impact Indicators for the Department. The data tables are published at Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) level and are used by FRSs for benchmarking their chosen performance indicators.	No change to Draft Plan. We will act in line with our published response to the earlier and separate public consultation we ran on reductions to the annual returns collected from Fire and Rescue Services. To view, click on the following link: http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/fire/frsandfosisummaryofresponses In addition, we are working to make all data as widely available as possible, within the bounds of data protection and security. We have put proposals to the Fire and Rescue Services and have invited their comments on the issues and their views on our proposals. The responses to this are being factored into the design of datasets and our analysis of the disclosure risk. Once this work is complete, we will be able to provide access at record level. This is scheduled to be completed and delivered by Spring 2012.
Fire Statistics Annual	National Statistics (Annual)	Fire and Rescue Incident Records	Retain	Contains detailed analysis of causes of fire. Analysis at national level provides valuable insights informing fire safety campaigns and fire safety buildings regulations, both nationally and for local implementation and enforcement.	
Fire and Rescue Service Operational Statistics	Official Statistics (Annual)	FRS Annual Returns	Reduce and modify in the light of submissions received in response to last year's public consultation	Our earlier Public Consultation sought comments from Fire and Rescue Services and any other interested parties on a proposed 75% reduction in the number of data items collected hitherto, leaving a core of high level data relating almost exclusively to: (i) fire safety buildings audit and prosecution under Fire Safety Order; (ii) headline data on the numbers of staff, including by equality strand (responsibility under Equalities Act 2010); (iii) staff leaving (for financial modelling); and (iv) injuries to fire-fighters.	
Fires in the Home: Findings from the 'English Housing Survey' (EHS)	Official Statistics (Every 2-3 years)	English Housing Survey (EHS)	Review later in the light of plans for the EHS	Provides two key types of insight not otherwise available: (i) ownership of working smoke alarms by households; (ii) data (i.e. fires and smoke alarm ownership) by households characteristics – e.g. tenure and other household characteristics and behaviours.	

STATISTICAL THEME: OTHER DCLG BUSINESS AREAS

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Code for Sustainable Homes and Energy Performance of Buildings	Official Statistics (Quarterly)	National Energy Performance Certificate Register, BRE Global Ltd and Stroma Accreditation Ltd	Retain	Statistics on the number of Code Homes are a statutory requirement. The average energy efficiency (SAP) rating of new dwellings is one of the Department's Impact Indicators.	No change to Draft Plan
Supporting People – Quarterly Client Records and Outcomes	Official Statistics (Quarterly)	Supporting People Client Records and Outcomes	Cease once the data have been collected for the current financial year, 2010/11.	'Supporting People' rolls into Formula Grant with effect from April 2011. Because Formula Grant is a single un-hypothecated grant that is not divided by any service in any way, there will no longer be a specific budget allocation for Supporting People services. Consequently, it will no longer be appropriate for the Department to continue to collect data returns that relate specifically to Supporting People services.	We have noted the consultation submissions and, although Departmental collection of Supporting People Client Records and Outcomes data has now ceased, the Department is mindful of local authorities' need to monitor the effectiveness of the services they provide to vulnerable people and to be accountable to local people for these. We have therefore asked Sitra, a membership organisation for the housing, support and care sector, to take forward a sector specific consultation which is seeking views on the development of an alternative approach to gathering evidence on the value of housing related support services that authorities and providers can use and own at their discretion. This consultation ran until 11 July 2011. All details of the consultation are available on Sitra's website www.sitra.org .