

Housing Data

Memorandum of Understanding between DCLG and NHBC

Background	<p>NHBC has been providing DCLG with data relating to new homes built where NHBC carried out the Building Control function. Over the past 18 months improvements have been made to the process for the delivery of the data and publication of DCLG's quarterly house building National Statistics.</p> <p>NHBC and DCLG wish to extend this working relationship to explore other areas with DCLG where NHBC's resources can help improve data and statistics on housing.</p> <p>This memorandum confirms the understanding between the parties of the relationship between NHBC and DCLG for the provision of house building statistics as part of a wider agreement to work together in a number of areas to improve housing statistics. There is no intention to create a legal relationship between DCLG and NHBC, and this agreement does not preclude similar cooperation between DCLG and other organisations.</p>
Aims	<p>The aims of this agreement are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To confirm that arrangements for the existing supply of data are to be by way of a Service Level Agreement between NHBC and DCLG, as defined in the document 'NHBC-DCLG Service Level Agreement for house building data'.2. To work together on specific projects to improve housing statistics in the following areas by:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Continued improvement and refinement of DCLG-NHBC quarterly house building statistics in England, including ways to improve the quality and detail of the data collected from Local Authorities.b. Supporting the development of a consistent approach throughout the United Kingdom to the production of quarterly house building statistics.c. Developing more detailed analysis and wider data collection to provide better demographic information on property type, size, type of construction, quality etc of new build properties.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">d. Developing new and improved evidence on the sustainability of new build properties (including techniques and components used) to promote the transparency of environmental policies.e. Developing evidence on the condition of the existing housing stock, including sustainability.f. Establishing partnerships with other data providers to support the improvement of housing data.g. Discussing priority areas for housing research funded and delivered through the NHBC Foundation to improve the evidence base and thereby help to support policy development.h. Promoting the joint working relationship between DCLG and NHBC as a source of expertise and market data within the housing industry.
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Each partner will elect a senior management representative to oversee the implementation of this agreement and they will be responsible for overseeing the working relationship between the two organisations.2. Each partner will do nothing to harm the reputation and relationship of the other partner with their key customers and stakeholders.3. Each partner will acknowledge and communicate the involvement of the other, where information or analysis is published or communicated outside of their respective organisations.4. Each partner will jointly own the intellectual property rights of the information resulting from joint working, except where this is to remain with external third parties as part of the agreement with them for the provision of the data.

Business Model	<p>The following business model has been agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. No money will change hands in the delivery of the Service Level Agreement or in supporting the delivery of the specific projects,
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	<p>and the level of resource provided for each project will be agreed and defined within its Terms of Reference.</p> <p>2. Each party must agree the business model for any revenue generating activity that presents itself from the output from any of the projects implemented.</p>
Termination	This agreement can be terminated by either or both parties with reasonable notice.

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