

Update of 2005 Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure
Steering Group Terms of Reference

The Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure Steering Group will by March 2010 oversee:

- i. the update (see below) of the 2005 measures of spatial deprivation in Northern Ireland;
- ii. the publication of responses to the recommendations noted in the 2005 Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure report;
- iii. the quality assurance of the update of the measures; and,
- iv. the dissemination of the results from the updated research.

The update is limited to temporal updating of the indicators and domains used in the NIMDM 2005 research. Statistical indicators may be revised/included only where explicitly recommended in the NIMDM 2005 report, where indicators are no longer available or where administrative/statistical data has been significantly enhanced. Any significant revisions outside this framework or any contentious revisions will not be considered as part of this update.

The Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure Steering Group will also advise the NISRA Chief Executive and the inter-Departmental Statistics Co-ordinating Group on:

- i. measurement implications of the ongoing review of Local Government District boundaries in measuring spatial deprivation;
- ii. policy uses of measures of spatial deprivation; and,
- iii. associated policy-related issues surrounding the current spatial deprivation measurement methodology.