



**Review of Measures of Deprivation in Northern Ireland**  
**Deprivation Review Steering Group Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> October 2003**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room Castle Buildings**

**Persons present:**

Mr Robert Beatty	Head of Demography and Census, (Chair)	
	NISRA	
Dr Stephen Donnelly	OFMDFM	
Mr Nigel Flynn	Rural Development Council, Director of Policy	
Dr James Gillan	DETI	
Dr Ivor Johnston	DE	
Mr Robert Kidd	DEL	
Ms Eileen Lavery	Equality Commission, Director of Policy and Research	
Dr David Marshall	NISRA	
Mr Tony Mathewson	PSNI	
Mr Martin Mayock	DHSSPS	
Ms Frances McCandless	NICVA, Director of Policy	
Mrs Grace McGuinness	DCAL	
Mr Daniel McSorley	SOLACE, Chief Executive Omagh District Council	
Mrs Siobhan Morgan	NIO	
Dr Chris Morris	DSD	
Ms Hazel Quinn (deputising for Stanley McBurney)	DARD	
Mr Rodney Redmond (deputising for Tracy Power)	DRD	
Ms Jennifer Doak	Neighbourhood Statistics, NISRA	(Secretary)

**Apologies**

Mr Stanley McBurney	DARD
Dr Tracy Power	DRD

**1. Welcome and introductions**

Robert Beatty opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.



## 2. Terms of Reference of Steering Group

Robert Beatty began the meeting by acknowledging the existence of the debate on spatial and individual measures of deprivation. He stated the *raison d'être* of this Steering Group was solely to review spatial measures of deprivation.

Draft Terms of Reference and Steering Group membership were circulated and Robert Beatty invited Steering Group members to provide substantive comments on the Terms of Reference after the meeting.

**Action Point 1:** E-mail Steering Group Members draft copy of Terms of Reference.  
(Jennifer Doak)

**Action Point 2:** Steering Group members comments on draft Terms of Reference to Jennifer Doak by 17<sup>th</sup> October.  
(Steering Group Members)

## 3. Paper 1 DR 2003(1) Uses made of the Multiple Deprivation Measures and feedback from users.

The Steering Group were invited to comment upon DR2003(1) – the summary paper about uses made of the Multiple Deprivation Measures in Northern Ireland and areas for improvement. In addition, Group members were invited to include any additional feedback not included in the paper.

The Group agreed that even though the remit of the Group was to review spatial deprivation measures, it would be helpful if further guidance were available on the use of the “Noble” Measures.

**Action Point 3:** Guidance notes for the “Noble” Measures, to be circulated to Steering Group Members and also placed on the NISRA website.  
(Robert Beatty and Jennifer Doak)

## 4. Paper 2 DR 2003(2) Recent work on deprivation in England, Wales and Scotland

David Marshall summarised paper DR2003(2). A number of Group members asked for further detailed documentation on work in GB.

**Action Point 4:** Provide Steering Group members link to Scottish Long Term Strategy Report and Scottish Executive Response.  
(Jennifer Doak)



**Action Point 5**

Provide Steering Group members reference to Professor Robson's report for the Greater London Authority, which reviewed the Noble Measures for England.  
(Jennifer Doak)

**5. Paper 3 DR 2003(3)      Proposals for work in Northern Ireland – Discussion Paper**

David Marshall then summarised each section of the paper in turn and invited comments from Group members about the paper.

The Group agreed more information on the Noble Methodology would be useful.

**Action Point 6**

Email Steering Group Members references for literature critique of the "Noble" Methodology.  
(Jennifer Doak)

The Steering Group discussed possible researchers to be invited to tender for the research. Robert Beatty invited Steering Group members to consider if there were others who from their knowledge would have experience in this area and to respond to Jennifer Doak on any additional tender invitations. The Group agreed that it would be reasonable to draw on a small sub-group to draft the research specification and timetable, which would be ratified with the main Group members.

**Action Point 7:**

Volunteers from the Steering Group are required to sit on the research tender evaluation sub-group – respond to Jennifer Doak by 17<sup>th</sup> October  
(Steering Group Members)

**Action Point 8:**

Steering Group members to propose any additional researchers for the procurement process (including the basis for the proposal).  
– respond to Jennifer Doak by 17<sup>th</sup> October  
(Steering Group Members)

**Action Point 9:**

Finalise project specification with more detailed timetable and terms of reference  
(Jennifer Doak)



## 6. Any other business/Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be as soon as the researcher is employed, most likely early in 2004 (late January/early February).

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