

Annex B

Terms of reference for Urban-Rural Definition Group

1. The Urban-Rural Definition Group will make recommendations to the Statistical Co-ordinating Group on definitions of the terms 'urban' and 'rural' which are:
 - a. conceptually clear, coherent, and relevant to government policy in theory;
 - b. operationally applicable in practice; and
 - c. appropriate to Northern Ireland, taking account of developments elsewhere in the British Isles and European Union

2. The Urban-Rural Definition Group will make recommendations to the Statistical Co-ordinating Group on a programme of work to:
 - a. identify and delineate settlements and areas of settlement;
 - b. collect data necessary for the application of its recommended definitions; and
 - c. use the data collected to classify the settlements and areas of settlement identified and to suggest suitable uses for the classification