

**Actions**  
**Northern Ireland House Condition Survey 2021**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Steering Group Meeting (via web-ex)**  
**8 October 2020**

**Attendees:**

Karly Greene – NIHE (Chair)  
 Jahnet Brown – NIHE  
 Donna McLarnon – NIHE  
 Gerard Jervis – NIHE  
 Claire Kennedy – NIHE (Minutes)  
 Michael Thompson – DfI  
 Julie Lavery – DfC  
 Lesley Curry – DfC  
 Kevin Sweeney – NISRA  
 Catherine Blease – NIHE

Apologies: Celeste McCallion, Sharon Jeffers, Ailbhe Hickey

		Action for:
<b>3.0</b>	<b>PREPARATIONS FOR NIHCS 2021</b>  Covid-19. Preparations for the NIHCS 2021 are underway.  K. Greene acknowledged that Covid-19 has created a number of challenges in relation to carrying out research. The views of the group about any potential impacts will help inform the preparations of the 2021 HCS.	
<b>3.6</b>	<b>Recruitment/decision to proceed with 2021 NIHCS</b> It is expected that the 2021 survey will require 45/50 surveyors and time will be needed to advertise the posts and plan the selection process. Recruitment is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2020. The group agreed that early January was an appropriate time to make a decision about how to proceed. In the meantime, the HCS team would continue with preparations for 2021.	<b>Research Unit</b>
<b>3.7</b>	<b>User engagement survey</b> K. Greene suggested a user engagement survey looking at the impacts of postponing the survey. M. Thompson highlighted the importance of user engagement and recommended including the survey on the NIHE website.	<b>D. McLarnon and Research Unit</b>
<b>3.8</b>	<b>National Statistics</b> D. McLarnon explained that if the survey methodology stays the same, it is likely that a compliance check will be carried out by the Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR). However, if there is a major change to the methodology, a full assessment might be required. D. McLarnon will keep in touch with OSR.	<b>D. McLarnon</b>
<b>3.10</b>	<b>The sample</b> The Research Unit will seek a meeting with NISRA to discuss the approach for the 2021 survey.	<b>Research Unit</b>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b> The next meeting will be held on 12 January 2021.	