

ACTIONS
HOUSE CONDITION SURVEY
STEERING GROUP MEETING
TUESDAY 23RD MAY 2017
6TH FLOOR, THE HOUSING CENTRE

- 1.0 Present:
 Karly Greene – NIHE (Chair)
 Elma Newberry - NIHE
 Jahnet Brown – NIHE
 Lauren Kinnear – DfC
 Sharon Jeffers – NIFHA
 Kevin Sweeney – NISRA
 Stephen Semple – NIHE
 Donna McLarnon – NIHE (minutes)

Apologies: Stephen Martin, Heloise Brown, Leah Ginn

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3.3	<p>Weighting and grossing</p> <p>The weighting and grossing process was carried out at the beginning of 2017. K Greene explained an issue that arose during weighting and grossing, in relation to total stock figures which had reduced since the 2011 survey. Since 2011 there was a move from using the LPS database, to the Pointer database, as the sample frame for the survey (and all government social surveys). As part of this move, NISRA carried out an exercise to identify non-domestic and non-eligible dwellings which were then removed from the Pointer database, reducing the overall stock figure by a total of 40,000. The group discussed the empty homes policy, which have may have impacted on the number of dwellings registered on the database around 2011.</p> <p>The issue is explained in detail in the preliminary report. K Sweeney will send a summary of the work carried out by NISRA to improve the quality of the Pointer database. It was noted that the Pointer database will be used for the 2021 Census.</p>	K Sweeney
3.9	<p>Private rented sector – tenants’ survey</p> <p>The fieldwork has been completed and the response rate was 66%. Report writing is underway.</p> <p>A copy of the questionnaire will be sent to S Jeffers.</p>	J Brown

4.0	<p>Any other business</p> <p>K Greene raised the possibility of archiving a copy of the Pointer database from around the time the NIHCS 2016 sample was drawn (or as close as possible to that point). It was recognised that the NIHCS sample was drawn in February 2016 and the Pointer database will have already changed since that time. K Sweeney will look into the possibility of doing this for the 2016 NIHCS, or for future surveys.</p>	K Sweeney
7.0	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held after the modelling has been completed, in October 2017.</p>	D McLarnon