

Data Delivery Group (DDG)  
Note of Meeting – 30 January 2020

Attendees		(*by audioconference)
Colin Cook (CC)	Graham Fairlie (GF)	Stephen Pavis (SPs)
David Alexander (DA)	John Fotheringham (JF)	Stephen Peacock (SPk)
Lisa Allen (LA)*	Katy Guthrie (KG)	Lorna Ramsay (LR)
Susie Braham (SB)	Roger Halliday (RH)	Nayha Sethi (NS)
Jonathan Cameron (JC)	Alan Howie (AH)	Ruchir Shah (RS)*
Kevin Collins (KC)	Albert King (AK)	Carol Sinclair (CS)
Gillian Docherty (GD)	Rod Murray-Smith (RMS)	Gordon Watson (GW)
Paul Dowie (PD)	Stephen O'Neill (SO'N)	Pete Whitehouse (PW)
Apologies		
Marion Bain	Geoff Huggins	Matthew Rice
Phillip Couser	Paul Lowe	Peter Tolland
Janet Edgell	Ken Macdonald	
Stuart Fancey	Mary McAllan	

#### Welcome, Introductions and Note of Meeting on 7 October 2019

CC, chairing in lieu of Lesley Fraser, welcomed attendees to the fifth meeting of the DDG, noting that several were attending for the first time. He advised that this would be his last meeting as chair: Prof Shannon Vallor, about to take up post as the first Baillie Gifford Chair in the Ethics of Data and Artificial Intelligence (AI) at the Edinburgh Futures Institute, will take over as chair of the DDG at the next meeting. After introductions, and advising of apologies, it was confirmed that there were no actions recorded from the last meeting.

#### Scotland's Data Story – progress update

RH provided an update on work to develop a shared narrative that positions Scotland as an international leader in data driven innovation. A working group – which includes several DDG members – recently convened to explore the key tenets of 'Scotland's Data Story' and how it will be developed over the next quarter. Both its potential value, and the need for it to complement wider initiatives such as the 'Scotland Is Now' campaign, was noted.

#### Scotland's AI Strategy – progress update

GD gave an update on progress with Scotland's AI Strategy. The steering committee, chaired by the Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy, held two meetings last autumn. It has produced a scoping document that sets out a draft vision for AI and a proposed approach to fostering the adoption of AI in Scotland. A consultation on the proposals, and engagement activities to increase awareness and discussion of AI in Scotland, will both commence shortly.

GD highlighted that applications to join the strategy working groups are open: memberships will be curated to ensure that these are as representative as possible; SPk noted interest in acting as a link between the Information Commissioner's Office and the strategy development team. The scoping document, and details of the consultation, engagement programme and how to apply to join the working groups, can be found at [www.scotlandaistrategy.com](http://www.scotlandaistrategy.com).

#### DDG – 2020 Priorities

CC advised that it was intended to discuss and decide on the group's priorities for 2020, mindful that some tasks from 2019 remain in progress. He advised that each potential priority for 2020 would be pitched by a DDG member, and that on conclusion of pitches there would be a ballot to identify the top three to be taken forward.

Tasks from 2019 still in progress, and their DDG member owner, are noted below:

- Scotland's AI Strategy – GD
- Scotland's Data Story – RH
- Reform of Information Governance – SB
- Privacy principles and ethics framework – SB

Potential priorities for 2020, and the respective pitcher of each, are detailed in Annex A.

#### AOB

AH asked if it would be possible to discuss the potential to make better use of Registers of Scotland data at a future meeting. CS queried progress in developing the High Level Delivery Plan for Data, and how this will reflect developments over the last year. RH advised that the plan continues to evolve and the latest iteration will be shared with the group ahead of the next meeting. DA advised that he had produced a DDG programme review and recommendations paper that members may find to be of interest: CC directed this be disseminated to the group.

#### DDG 2020 Priorities – Results and Next Steps

JF advised that the ballot results – detailed in full in Annex A – indicated that the DDG's top three priorities for 2020 are:

- Research Data Scotland
- Data skills
- Foster adoption of data standards

Following the results it was agreed that the potential priority pitched by GF – a focus on getting case studies that illustrate potential for data driven innovation in Scotland – would be folded into work on Scotland's Data Story.

RH thanked DDG members for having considered and voted on the potential priorities. He advised that having sounded these out he was content to take the initial steps needed to get them moving, but asked members to consider how they may be able to support going forward.

Following discussion an expectation was agreed that each member of the group would support at least one of the seven priorities - from both 2019 and 2020 - outlined above. Members were asked to confirm which priority (or priorities) they are happy to help move forwards: in order to help build momentum for these pieces of work RH would welcome responses by 21 February.

#### Closing Remarks

CC thanked all for attending and their contributions: he noted his having enjoyed chairing DDG meetings and that he looks forward to following the group's progress.

#### Next Meeting

2.00 – 3.30 pm, Monday 27 April 2020

Conference Room C, St Andrews House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG

#### Actions

1. Disseminate DA's DDG programme review and recommendations paper to the group – JF
2. By 21 February, advise RH how they may be able to support progressing DDG priorities – All

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Annex A – Potential Priorities for 2020 and Ballot Results

Potential Priority	Pitcher	Total Score	Position
1. A one Scotland approach to securing investment and collaboration from UK public sector organisations.	KC	36	5 <sup>th</sup> =
2. Data skills – launch an employer, provider skills group to drive development of data skills offer across schools, FE and HE sectors.	SO'N	41	2 <sup>nd</sup>
3. Research Data Scotland – put collective thinking into ensuring this is a world-class offer around access to data.	RH	48	1 <sup>st</sup>
4. Focus on getting some excellent case studies that illustrate potential for data driven innovation in Scotland, linking to Scotland's data story.	GF	26	6 <sup>th</sup>
5. Work out how best to build in the views of the public into all we do in using data, building on work in early 2020 with INVOLVE to test an approach.	SB	36	5 <sup>th</sup> =
6. Develop a programme to foster adoption of data standards in local government to improve the quality, interoperability and availability of data at national level, focussing on non-personal data.	AK	39	3 <sup>rd</sup>
7. Data Driven Tech Adoption: Sector Challenge with a focus on one sector (e.g. Agriculture), develop a programme to support digital adoption in the sector (6 months), secure the resources and initiate the programme (6 months).	KG	37	4 <sup>th</sup>
8. Ideas from DDG members – suggestions for possible projects.			
8a. Focus on bettering the use of data at an operational level by allowing citizens to provide data once, which is then shared/transferred within applicable parameters to improve and smoothen their experience when engaging with and using public services.	DA	24	7 <sup>th</sup>
8b. Developing a new service model to standardise and improve the stewardship of requests to use NHS Scotland data from academic and commercial organisations.	LR	Not Voted On*	N/A

\* Before voting it was agreed that potential priority 8b would be merged into potential priority 3.