

**Geographic Information Panel  
Minutes of meeting held on  
28 June 2007**

**Present**

Vanessa Lawrence (Ordnance Survey) – Chair  
Chris Chant (Defra) for Andrew Burchell  
Michael Fishwick (Demographic User Group)  
David Fry (Department for Communities and Local Government) for Michael Kell  
Iain Greenway (Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland)  
Graham Jenkinson (Office for National Statistics) for Karen Dunnell  
Rob Mahoney (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors)  
Jim Meldrum (Registers of Scotland)  
Cheryl Miller (SOLACE, East Sussex County Council)  
Nick Rigby (Ministry of Defence)  
Andrew Stott (e-Government Unit, Cabinet Office)  
Rob Walker (Association for Geographic Information) for Chris Holcroft

**Apologies**

Nick Starling (Association of British Insurers)

**In attendance**

Hugh Buchanan (Ordnance Survey) - Secretary

**Action**

**1 Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the April meeting were agreed.

**2 Matters arising**

None.

**3 UK Location Strategy**

Vanessa Lawrence (VL) gave an update on the various meetings and discussions that she has had in support of the Location Strategy. These have included discussions with the CIO Council, Treasury, OPSI, CLG and Defra. There are parallels and connections between this work and the implementation of INSPIRE, and The National Archives' work on Digital Preservation.

VL introduced the circulated draft report, and noted some differences from earlier recommendations for governance, notably closer links with Defra in order to improve the alignment with INSPIRE implementation.

Various issues on style and drafting were discussed in detail in order to improve the impact of the report.

The report will be sent to the CLG Minister responsible for the GI Panel.

Panel members to submit comments and suggested changes on draft to VL by Wed 4 July to allow re-drafting and circulation prior to submission to the CLG Minister.

**ALL**

**4 Any other business**

**a Ministry of Defence membership**

Nick Rigby (NR) indicated that he will have left the Ministry of Defence by the time of the

next meeting. Members felt that it was important to continue to have MoD representation, given the importance of the Department and its agencies as creators and users of geographic information. He will discuss alternatives for a replacement with the Chair.

**NR/VL**

**5 Dates of future meetings**

Future meetings of the GI Panel are scheduled for:

- Thursday 20 September 2007, 2 - 5pm
- Thursday 13 December 2007, 2 - 5pm