

*Population and household  
projections – a user  
perspective*

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## *Population and household projections – a user perspective*

### ***As a user, what do I want?***

- ❖ *The projections I need*
- ❖ *When I need them*
- ❖ *In the form I want them*



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- *1972 Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act*
- *Planning Advice Note 8*
- *Scottish Housing Handbook 1: Assessing Housing Needs*



## ***Why do I want them – (2)***

### ***❖ More history!***

- *New towns and overspill*
- *Growth poles*
- *1970's*
  - *realism*
  - *re-organisation*
  - *computerisation*



## ***Why do I want them – (3)***

- ❖ *Background information*
- ❖ *Plans and strategies*
  - *Structure Plan*
  - *Local Plans*
  - *Housing Strategies*
  - *Community Planning*
  - *Transport Plans*
  - *Etc. etc. etc*
- ❖ *Monitoring and evaluation*



***What do I need? – (1)***

- ❖ *Type of information*
- ❖ *Geography*
- ❖ *Up to date*
- ❖ *Correct format*



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### ***What do I need? – (2)***

- ❖ *Population projections*
- ❖ *Household projections*
- ❖ *Support and advice*



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## **What do I need (3)? - Population Projections**

### ❖ **Geography**

- *Scotland*
- *local authority*
- *health board*

### ❖ **Age/gender groups**

### ❖ **Input assumptions:**

- *migration assumptions – consultations*
- *birth/death rates*
- *institutional population*



## ***What do I need (4)? - Household Projections***

- ❖ ***Geography***
  - *Scotland*
  - *local authority*
  - *Structure Plan areas*
- ❖ ***Household types***
- ❖ ***Input assumptions:***
  - *population projections*
  - *institutional population*
  - *headship rates*



## **What do I need? – (5)**

### ❖ **Geography**

- *Scotland*
- *Local authority*
- *Health Board*
- *Structure Plan areas*
- *Housing Market areas*
- *Sub-local authority areas*
  - *former local authorities?*
  - *other planning areas*



***What do I need? – (6)***

- ❖ *Up to date – how up to date do they need to be?*
- ❖ *How far ahead do we need to project?*
- ❖ *Regular (and reliable) timetable for updates*
- ❖ *But .....*



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***When do I need it?***

***Now!***



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## ***How do I want them?***

- ❖ *Printed reports*
- ❖ *Web – based*
- ❖ *E-mailed files*
- ❖ *Customised formats*
- ❖ *Raw data*



## ***Who am I?***

- ❖ *Local authorities*
- ❖ *Health Boards*
- ❖ *Scottish Executive*
- ❖ *Other public sector*
- ❖ *Academics and students*
- ❖ *Companies*
- ❖ *Public*
  
- ❖ *Do we need different things?*



## ***What else might I want?***

- ❖ *Other geographies?*
- ❖ *Other data?*
  - *ethnic groups*
  - *school roll projections*
  - *different household types*
  - *variant projections*
  - *forecasts*
  - *alternative scenarios*
  - *bottom up projections*





## **Consultations**

- ❖ *With users*
  - *experienced*
  - *academic*
  - *others*
- ❖ *PAMS*
- ❖ *Working Groups*
- ❖ *Seminars*



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***Any questions?***



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