**31st meeting**

**14 January 2015, 14:00 – 17:00**

**Venue: Room 215, 70 Whitehall, London, SW1A 2AS**

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| **ODUG Attendees** | **Officials** |
| Heather Savory (HS)  ODUG Chair | Hannah Peaker  Transparency Team |
| Bob Barr (BB)  Manchester Geomatics, University of Liverpool | Lawrence Hopper (LH)  Transparency Team |
| Simon Briscoe (SB)  PASC/FullFact | Suki Boora (Suki)  Transparency Team |
| Stuart Chalmers (SC)  Building Research Establishment |  |
| Hendrik Grothuis (HG)  Cambridge County Council | **Guest speaker** |
| Paul Hodgson (PH)  Greater London Authority | David Philp (DP)  BIM Taskforce |
| Giuseppe Sollazzo (GS)  St George’s University of London | Alison Knight (AK)  Southampton Law School / Web Science CDT |
| Jacqui Taylor (JT)  Flying Binary |  |
| Johanna Walker (JW)  Web Science Institute, Southampton | **Apologies** |
| Paul Malyon (PM)  Experian | Nick Halliday (NH)  National Audit Office |
| Ian Makgill (IM)  Spendnetwork.com | Charlie Boundy (CB)  BAE Systems Applied Intelligence |
|  | Jeni Tennison (JTe)  Open Data Institute (ODI) |
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**Welcome and Chair’s update**

The Chair welcomed members to the 31st ODUG meeting and updated them on her recent activities, including the ongoing work on Ordnance Survey Open Data and ODUG’s National Information Infrastructure (NII) paper.

The Chair ran through the agenda for the Public Sector Transparency Board meeting (15 January 2015), noting that the ODUG NII paper had been tabled for discussion. She agreed to update members on the outcomes of the PSTB meeting as soon as the outcomes had been agreed.

The Chair reminded members of the launch of Open Addresses and provided the following background and context:

* ODUG made the case for a national address database, which resulted in BIS producing a report in January 2014, the Government is currently reviewing the report.
* Several submissions were made to RoDF for the development of this database
* Funding was approved and an organisation, Open Addresses has been created to do this work
* This is a genuine attempt to build a national address database which is free of third-party intellectual property rights.

ODUG members made the following comments:

* This may stimulate further publication of geospatial data
* Greater clarity and explanation is needed around the business case
* Open Addresses would benefit from more publicity to further enhance its credibility
* Efforts have been made to ensure the database is free of third party intellectual property, which may mean it takes longer to populate

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th December were formally approved by the ODUG members followed by a brief review of the action log.

**Cabinet Office Transparency Team update**

Suki Boora provided the following update on the COTT:

* James Cattell will be taking up the post of Head of Relationship Management from Monday 19 January, on a part-time basis
* The COTT hosted the second DGU Users Meeting on 13 January. This is a forum for publishers that BIS established, which provides them with the opportunity to speak to DGU staff and discuss any challenges or areas for improvement
* COTT has been engaged in discussions with OS who will present at the PSTB tomorrow
* The Price Paid dataset has been found to include some PAF data and so Land Registry is looking into options for a third party disclaimer

Suki thanked ODUG members for their hard work and support on the release of the NAFRA dataset.

**Sector Boards update**

None of the ODUG members had attended a Sector Board meeting since the last ODUG meeting in December.

**ODUG NII Paper**

The Chair thanked members for their contributions to the latest iteration of the paper. She explained that she had found some has assistance to layout the paper in a more professional format for publication. She asked the members to vote on which version they preferred and there was unanimous support for the redesigned version.

ODUG members made the following points:

* A decision needs to be made about how best to publish the paper and how to promote it
* The publication of the paper also provides an opportunity to document the many contributions that ODUG has made since its launch in 2012
* Options for publication include a website or blogpost
* It might be necessary to separate out the promotion of the paper and the formation of a wider legacy record of ODUG’s work
* The goal is to get people to pay attention to the report and to ensure that the NII is included on the agenda of the next government

**Release of Data Fund update**

Lawrence Hopper provided an update on the RoDF. There have so far been three rounds of funding and 30 successful bids and all projects have either been completed, or are currently in progress and will be completed by the end of March 2015.

He discussed a number of bids that could benefit from the assistance of ODUG members, including the National Biodiversity Trust, Traveline Information Ltd and New Economy Manchester.

**Presentation One: Challenges associated with the reuse of PSI derived from personal data**

Alison Knight presented on public sector information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person. She described the range of authoritative, non-binding guidance available, the limitations in the framework, the evidence of risk and the potential changes to the UK Data Protection Act.

ODUG members made the following comments:

* The onus should be on the publisher that is re-using the original (protected) data to protect the privacy of identifiable persons when combining, linking or sharing data
* There should be contracts designed to licence such responsibilities
* Consideration needs to be given to the liability of the public sector as well as the business sector
* ODUG takes a strong position that public records are public and therefore any measures to make public records subject to data protection will need to carefully be thought through

Alison Knight concluded that this is an area that is in its infancy and some of the current guidance is conflicting. ODUG members may wish to consider how this might impact the Open Data agenda specifically and public sector responsibilities.

**Presentation Two: The Building Information Modelling (BIM) Task Group**

David Philp presented on the work of the BIM Task Group, which is supporting the objectives of the Government Construction Strategy and strengthening the public sector’s capability in BIM implementation. They aim to ensure all central government departments are adopting Level 2 BIM by 2016, which requires the use of open sharable asset information to improve cost, value and carbon performance. The focus is on using the data to make better procurement decisions.

**AOB**

* JT encouraged the group to review BSI PAS 182 Smart City Concept Model and focuses on data interoperability. She represented ODUG on the Steering Group committee. ODUG is recognised for its contribution in the creation of this standard. A free copy can be downloaded from <http://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000030290059>
* JT is now a member of the BSI eStandards committee for Smart Cities.
* GS is joining the Open Standards Tech Standards Board
* Open Data Camp is now sold out