



Advisory Group Paper CLIP (05) 04

CLIP Census Sub-Group (LA Advisory Group)

CLIP GEOGRAPHY CHAMPIONS

Note by John Hollis.

In August Peter Gibb (CLIP Secretariat) circulated the following:

‘Issue: CLIP Sub-Groups do not currently have a forum to discuss geography issues or points of interest with like-minded people from other CLIP Sub-Groups.

‘Possible solution: Each Sub-Group has one Geography Champion who sits on a virtual CLIP Geography Sub-Group. The Geography Champions can then share information by email or consult other Geography Champions when an issue arises. The National Statistics Geography Group (NSGG) is happy for one person from CLIP to attend their meetings. Any other interested people can be added to the NSGG "for information" distribution list.

‘Action for Sub-Group Chairs: If you think involvement in such a set up would be beneficial to your Sub-Group, please nominate a Geography Champion for your Sub-Group. Feel free to circulate this message amongst your members to see if your Sub-Group is interested or for selection of a Geography Champion. I have already heard interest from some Sub-Groups meetings that I have attended. Please let me know if you are not interested, so that I know when all the Sub-Groups have considered this.

‘Potential action for Sub-Group Geography Champions: If there are interested Sub-Groups, the nominated Geography Champions will need to decide who to sit on the NSGG and the most convenient way to communicate. There are a variety of options including: meeting by video/telephone conference, emailing each other as and when necessary or meeting in person. Once I have heard back from all Sub-Groups, I will contact the nominated Geography Champions to decide on the way forward.’

A representative from the LA side of the Census Sub-Group was not immediately forthcoming, but it is clearly of more benefit for the representative to come from the LA side. The CLIP Population Sub-Group found a willing participant – Wendy Pontin of Norfolk CC. As Wendy works alongside Ian Coldicott who is a member of this Sub-Group it was considered expedient if Wendy also represents the views of the Census Sub-Group and works/communicates with the Census Sub-Group via Ian. This arrangement is agreeable to Wendy and Ian and has been communicated to Peter Gibb.

The NSGG was due to meet on 22 November.

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