

Editorial

This first issue of 2010 picks up on the themes in BURISA 182 with further contributions on preparations for Census 2011; continuation of the debate about address databases with a further contribution from Tony Black. Are there others wishing to contribute to this debate?

Mike Marlow BURISA's Business Manager on behalf of the BURISA Board has arrangements well in hand for the annual BURISA Conference on 14 May, this year at the RSS headquarters in Errol Street. Please put the date in your diaries and complete and return the booking form on page 8.

New topics introduced in this issue based on best local authority practice are Local Strategic Needs Assessments; a report from the Local Information Systems Conference; data requirements for local area working based on the experience of one of the new unitary authorities created in April last year; and a brief update on Local Economic Assessments.

Also included are an initial contribution from the United Kingdom Statistics Authority and updates from CLG on the launch of data.gov.uk and its local dimension.

The work of ONS Regional Statisticians is illustrated by a contribution from the South West in applying the Pareto Principle to assessing economic growth; and an introduction to Urban Audit IV.

DEFRA contributes an item on handy information included in its Environment in your Pocket leaflet.

Future issues

The content will continue to be driven by the needs and experience of the BURISA community through the annual conference and by direct contact with Board members.

Expected can be ongoing coverage of census preparation including output funding and plans; and lessons learned from using administrative data sources for the direction of travel for non traditional census options for post 2011; an update on best practice on local transport data systems and crime data systems; further key work of the United Kingdom Statistics Authority; the sharing of best practice in preparing Local Economic Assessments; and an illustration of the benefits of data visualisation.

With a general election now virtually upon us, we will keep an eye on the impact of the policy of any new administration on priorities of interest to BURISA practitioners. The RSS has recently met with party representatives to explore their priorities.

The BURISA Board is keen to respond to the needs of subscribers. If there is a topic you would like covered let me know, likewise if you have best practice or lessons learned to share, let me or one of the other Board members know.

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