

## UPRN Working group meeting – 22 April 2024

**Attendees:** TW, SS, GH, BK, Wojciech, DH, DD, GT, APS

**Apologies:** Simon Barlow

### Update from Simon Barlow:

- Comments have been submitted around adoption and use of the UPRN as part of a response to the Home Energy Model: replacement for the SAP released by DESNZ. See the call for information at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/home-energy-model-replacement-for-the-standard-assessment-procedure-sap>.
- Initial discussion has taken place with the Data lead at Houseful (previously Zoopla) about our UPRN Working Group and about more use of UPRN in their CRM and wider set of applications to support the aims of our group. They already use the UPRN in the analytics side of the business and see the benefit of further integration in the end to end processes and workflows, particularly where data is transferred between organisations transactionally. They were supportive of our group aims to get UPRNs embedded in address datasets that are needed for renting, owning and managing property. A further meeting is being arranged with TW's contact also involved.
- Gas safe register UPRN inclusion paper and its potential has been socialised with our existing UPRN advocates at DLUHC.

### Group discussion

- TW shared new UPRN working group slides. You can view these here: [UPRN working group.pptx](#). **Action** – group to add any relevant contacts to Stakeholder mapping slides.
- NICEIC, NAPIT now added to slides. **Action** - TW to make contact.
- TW has been invited to attend a meeting with the APPG for the Private Rented Sector about improving local authority enforcement. She will be raising the Property Portal and the UPRN as discussion points.
- Gas Safe is a good 'big ticket item' to start pushing UPRN adoption. It would be a big win for H&S and if the plan is for gas and electrical reports to be uploaded to the Property Portal, then integration with the UPRN would save manual work and improve legal compliance. Government could mandate the use of the UPRN within the Property Portal.
- UK Prop tech would be a useful approach to make as tech support will be needed to facilitate this.
- GT explained that VOA have experienced issues with LA inconsistency with software and ways of working. He also noted that they found that only approx. 50% of Holiday Lettings have a UPRN attached so there are still gaps in property registration. **Action** – GT to find out where VOA/LAs have touchpoints with UPRN and to provide a list of all CRMs the VOA have been engaging with.
- [Gas Register Briefing](#) sent on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April on behalf of TLIC and the Centre for Public Data. Full list of who it was sent to is contained within the slides – if there is anyone else the group thinks it should be shared with please do. **Action** – APS to provide update about the

briefing at the TLIC meeting in May. BK to provide general update about the UPRN working group.

- The main driver for tech company engagement will be their client demand. If the UPRN is not top of the client priority list then it will get pushed down their development list. We need to educate agents about the benefits of the UPRN – Propertymark engagement.
- We need an idea of how much it would cost companies to use this. UPRN costs are tied to the PAF costs – they are not within the public sector.

### **Next Steps**

- Set up meeting with the working group and CRMs/portals individually to hear their thoughts.
- One page flyers of benefits to relevant parties – still to be done.
- Find a Government champion for the UPRN to help with the campaign to mandate the use of UPRN for private sector.
- Approach the Treasury about the UPRN. They are likely to be an interested party due to the possibility of increased tax revenue from non-compliant LLs. TW now has contacts.
- Approach the BPF (Ian Fletcher). **Action** - AB contacted. Meeting arranged for 26<sup>th</sup> April.