



The Lettings Industry Council (TLIC) UPRN working group

Monday 17th June 2024

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Attendees: Simon Barlow, Theresa Wallace, Wojciech Zych, Beverley Kennard, Dan Hughes, Fraser Sutherland

Apologies: Andrew Bulmer, Guy Harris, Gary Trent, Ray Kyrson, Dirk Dette, Anna Powell-Smith, Susan Smith

Discussion

- BK has engaged with Kamma to arrange an interview.
- WZ is conducting a review of the government open UPRN data and how commercial companies are integrating with it. Technical issues have been identified. WZ will present findings to the group when completed.
- TW/SB met with Zoopla/Houseful last week. It was a positive meeting and they pay for a licence so are using UPRNs end to end in their system. It is used as the primary key in their data, it replaced their own internal reference numbers. They asked for more help with regulation/getting it mandated from above and are looking at commercial opportunities.
- Future plan for meeting stakeholders is to send our three questions via email to them rather than meeting in person. Follow up meetings can then be arranged if needed.
- Gas/Electrical central registers update – Lord Best is interested in supporting this. Will pick this up following the election.

Meeting - Fraser Sutherland from SME Professional – Property Software Solutions

1. Where are UPRNs in your system / workflows / application software road map?
 - The UPRN is a key field in the system but it is not integrated yet so is entered manually into the system. Not used as unique identifier.
 - Some customers are asking for UPRN, not many. Very few are entering the UPRN into the system.
2. Are there any barriers in using UPRNs as the property identifier? If so what are they?
 - Cost of buying the data.

- Address and postcode does work for current integrations, however the UPRN would be a better mechanism to transfer data. The challenge would be getting other third parties to use it, particularly those who outsource their software development as this is often more difficult and costly.

3. Pros and Cons of using UPRNs from your point of view.

- Edinburgh example - flat numbers are written in many different ways, there is a risk of the data linking to the wrong UPRN for the property. SB noted that there has been work done within councils to link multiple variants of the same address to a UPRN.

Fraser suggested we speak to Scottish Association of Landlords as they have good connections with the Scottish Government. Contact details have been shared with TW.