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Place-based policy and its implications for policy and service delivery (Interactive online mapping for place-based policy: user feedback survey)

As part of research funded by the Rural & Environment Science & Analytical Services (RESAS) Division of the Scottish Government, within the RESAS Strategic Research Programme 2016-2021, staff at The James Hutton Institute and Scotland's Rural College are carrying out research into place-based policy and its implications for policy and service delivery. Our aims are to improve current understanding of (i) the main reasons for differences in economic performance and social outcomes across rural areas and small towns of Scotland, and (ii) how policies can help to deliver positive outcomes and address these disparities.

As part of this project, an interactive online mapping tool has been developed to enable users to produce maps and extract small area-level data for several indicators, for local authority areas and other regions in Scotland. The aim of the tool is to create a useful, informative, interactive resource to enable access to a detailed evidence base for practitioners and other people and groups engaged in place-based policies and initiatives. It has been designed following communications with RESAS and collection of stakeholder views and experiences on local-level data. Outputs from this project are available at

https://www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120671/our_projects/1806/strategic_research_programme/3.

The mapping tool is currently in 'beta version' and is available at

<https://mappingrd342.shinyapps.io/mappingtool/>. As part of the project mentioned above, we would like interested stakeholders to test the tool and provide feedback and criticism, including suggested changes and improvements. This feedback will be summarised in a report, and will be used to revise the tool. The survey may contribute to other research outputs for this project (e.g. reports, journal articles, other articles, presentations, knowledge exchange events).

If you have any questions about this data collection or the research project, or if you would like any further information, please contact jonathan.hopkins@hutton.ac.uk.