

Demographics User Group Conference
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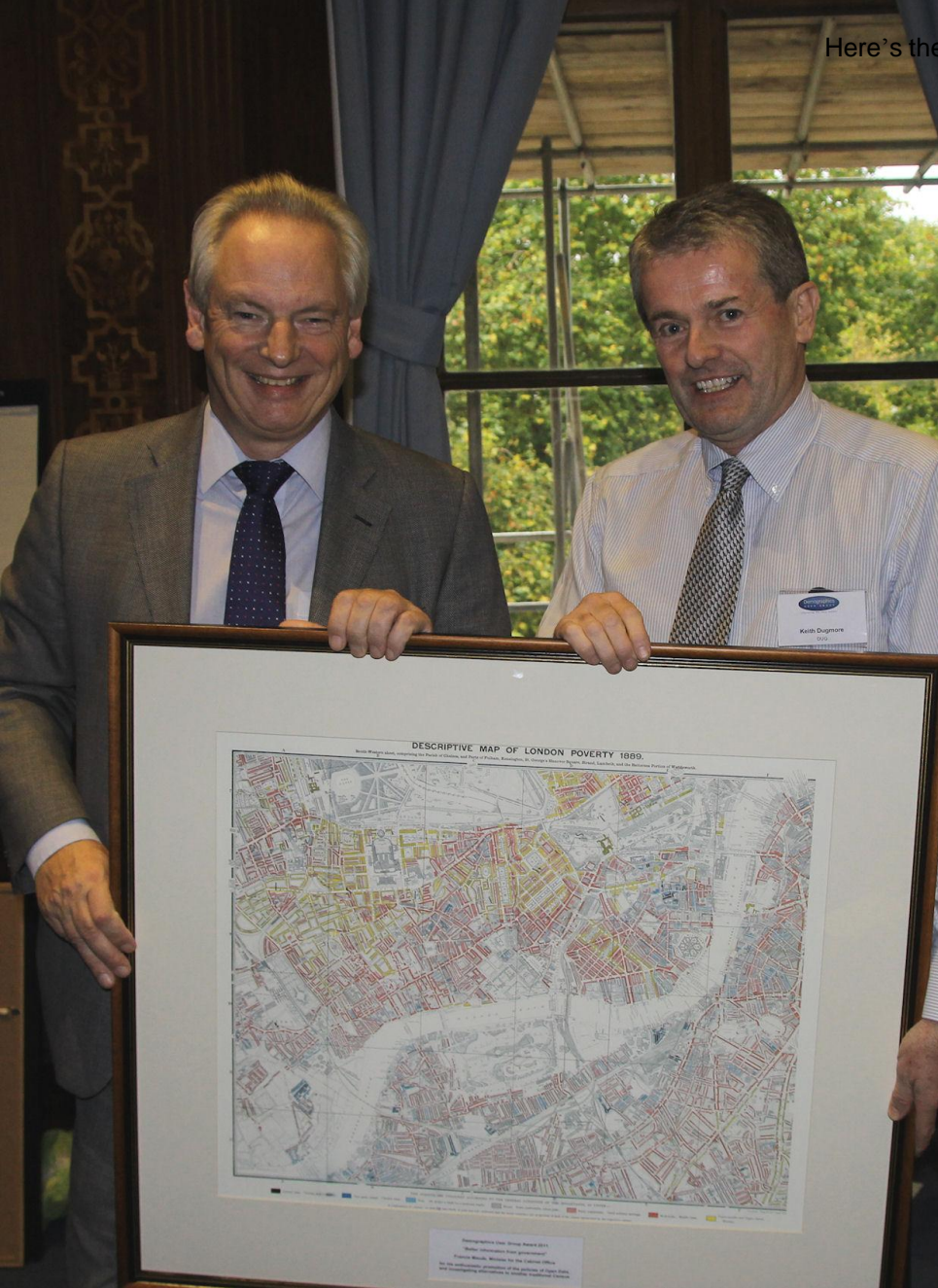
DUG Award 2011

**Francis Maude, Minister for the Cabinet Office
for his enthusiastic promotion of the policies of Open Data, and
investigating alternatives to another traditional Census**

“Commercial companies have been making the case for better access to government datasets for more than a decade. Public pressure has grown, but it is vital to have strong ministerial direction to make progress. Francis Maude is giving this, vigorously promoting both better access to existing government data, and also the exploration of new sources which would make another traditional Census unnecessary. Members of the Demographics User Group (DUG) strongly welcome these developments, which will increase the efficiency of services to their customers, and fuel innovation.”

The Award – Charles Booth’s famous map of London – was presented on the day at the Royal Society. See photos, & a link to the Press Release overleaf....

Here's the Cabinet



& here's the Cabinet Office Press Release: <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/news/top-companies-commend-francis-maude-open-data>