

ABOUT THIS REPORT

What is the LGBF?

The LGBF stands as a sophisticated benchmarking instrument with a primary objective of empowering senior management teams and elected officials to delve into critical inquiries about council services. Rooted in the collaborative efforts of SOLACE (Scotland) and COSLA, its purpose is to establish improved measurement standards and parallel data as catalysts for elevating services. It achieves this by targeting resource allocation to areas of maximum impact and elevating the standards of public accountability.

Central to its mission, the report encompasses the identification of disparities in both cost and performance among comparable councils. This involves a meticulous exploration into the underlying factors driving these variations. Distinguished by its capacity, the LGBF empowers councils to juxtapose their performance against an array of efficiency, output, and outcome indicators spanning the entirety of local government activities.

Amassing a wealth of data, the framework is an integral component of each council's legal obligations for public performance reporting. It supersedes the preceding Statutory Performance Indicators (SPI) regimen, reflecting an evolved approach to measuring and enhancing council services.

Key points.

1.This report presents indicators grouped in an order that reflects the citizen's journey, creating a more meaningful experience both in terms of analytical insights and readability. The indicators are arranged starting from early education, followed by care, environment, and so on.

2.The LGBF Board has approved the inclusion of new indicators to enhance the benchmarking suite. The newly included indicators are: Corporate Services

- CORP 9: Proportion of SWF Crisis Grants decisions within 1 day
- CORP 10: Proportion of SWF Community Care Grants decisions within 15 days
- CORP 11: Proportion of SWF Budget Spent
- CORP 12: Proportion of DHP Funding Spen

Symbology

Below is an explanation of the symbology used in this report:

CHN 02: Cost per Secondary School Pupil			<table><tr><th>Value</th><th>Previous Value</th><th>Rank (FG)</th><th>Previous Rank (FG)</th><th>Rank (Scotland)</th><th>Previous Rank (Scotland)</th></tr><tr><td>17.3%</td><td>16.4%</td><td>8</td><td>7</td><td>27</td><td>28</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td></td><td>6a</td><td></td><td>6b</td><td>8</td></tr></table>						Value	Previous Value	Rank (FG)	Previous Rank (FG)	Rank (Scotland)	Previous Rank (Scotland)	17.3%	16.4%	8	7	27	28	5		6a		6b	8
Value	Previous Value	Rank (FG)	Previous Rank (FG)	Rank (Scotland)	Previous Rank (Scotland)																					
17.3%	16.4%	8	7	27	28																					
5		6a		6b	8																					
1	2020-21 £ 7,409	The ensuing data mirrors the latest reporting period, which can span from a single year to multiple years, contingent on the data's provenance.																								
2	Improving & Decreasing	The following scenarios can be displayed: improvement with an increase, improvement with a decrease, decline with an increase, decline with a decrease, and stability with no change. These variations stem from a juxtaposition of the present submission against its preceding counterpart.																								
3		The arrow symbol are directly correlated to point two within a visual framework. A green arrow typically indicates an improvement, while a red arrow denotes a decline. Moreover, an upward-pointing arrow signifies an increase, whereas a downward-pointing arrow indicates a decrease. Conversely, a gray arrow communicates a state of equilibrium with minimal alterations.																								
4		The emblem's numeral denotes the present status of the individual within our familial cohort. Our ranking system for the family group hinges on performance, assigning the pinnacle as 1 and the nadir as 8.																								
5		The green arrow signifies an upward trajectory in overall performance concerning the indicator, whereas the red arrow denotes a decline in overall performance related to the indicator.																								
6 (a/b)		The ranking corresponds to the preceding submission in the following manner: a green upward arrow signifies a favorable (downward) shift in ranking from the prior submission, a gray line conveys an unchanged ranking compared to the previous submission, and a red downward arrow signifies an unfavorable (upward) alteration in ranking from the previous submission.																								
7	FG	FG stands for Family Group. For more information, please refer to the next page.																								
8	Scotland	The national ranking illustrates where Stirling Council stands in relation to all other local authorities in Scotland. Please note that this may not always provide useful insights, as certain outcomes may involve comparisons that are not strictly comparable.																								