

ABOUT THIS REPORT

What is LGBF?

The LGBF is a high-level benchmarking tool designed to support senior management teams and elected members to ask questions about key council services.

It reflects a commitment by SOLACE (Scotland) and COSLA to develop better measurement and comparable data as a catalyst for improving services, targeting resources to areas of greatest impact and enhancing public accountability.

The report is designed to question why variations in cost and performance are occurring between similar councils. and to engage with each other to 'drill down' and explore why these variations are happening.

The LGBF helps councils compare their performance against a suite of efficiency, output and outcome indicators that cover all areas of local government activity. The framework now has 8 years of data. Publication of the LGBF forms part of each council's statutory requirements for public performance reporting, replacing the previous Statutory Performance Indicators (SPI) regime.

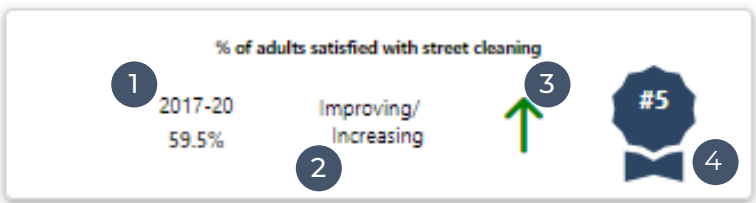
The LGBF voluntarily applies the high standards for statistical rigour set out in the three pillars of the UK Statistics Authority Code of Practice – trustworthiness, quality, and value.

Key points.

1. This report presents the indicators in groupings and an order that reflects the citizen's journey and creates a more meaningful experience both in an analytical sense and in terms of readability. Starting from the Early Years of education, to care, the environment and so on.
2. The LGBF Board has approved the inclusion of new indicators to strengthen the suite of benchmarking indicators:
 - Children's Services
 - CHN 24 - % of children living in poverty (After Housing Costs)
 - Economic Development
 - ECON11 - Gross Value Added (GVA) per capita
 - ECON12a - Claimant Count as % of Working Age Population
 - ECON12b - Claimant Count as % of 16-24 Population

Symbology

Below is the explanation for the symbology used within this report:



Overview		
Value	Previous Value	Rank
£ 22.18	£ 23.01	3
5		6

1	2017-20 59.5%	The following shows the latest data in accordance with the most recent reporting period. This can be one year to multiple years depending on the origin of the data.
2	Improving/ Increasing	This can show the following: improving/ increasing, improving/decreasing, declining/increasing and declining/decreasing. This is comparing the current submission with the previous one.
3		The arrow is a visual directly linked with point two. A green arrow means improving and a red arrow means declining. Additionally, an arrow pointed upwards means increasing and an arrow pointed downwards is decreasing.
4	#5	The figure in the badge represents the current location within our family group. The best performing family group ranking is 1 with the lowest ranked 8.
5		The green arrow indicates overall performance relative to the indicator is increasing. The red arrow indicates overall performance relative to the indicator is decreasing.
6		Family group ranking compared to the previous submission: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The green upwards arrow is a positive(downwards) ranking change from previously.• The grey line is the same ranking as previously.• The red downward arrow is a negative(upwards) ranking change from previously.