

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 framework provides high-level 'can openers' which are designed to focus questions on why variations in cost and performance are occurring between similar councils. They do not supply the answers. That happens as councils 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 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.

Real value vs Cash Value

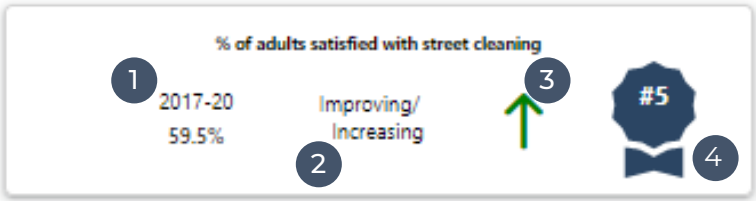
The local government benchmarking framework supplies both 'Real Value' and 'Cash Value' figures with the council.

- Cash Value:** Financial indicators are shown as cash
- Real values:** Financial Indicators have been adjusted for inflation









In Stirling council, we report using the 'Real Value' as it offers a more accurate account and is the preferred and accepted method by LGBF reporting standards.

Symbology

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



Overview		
Value	Previous Value	Rank
£ 22.18	£ 23.01	3
		

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		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(<i>downwards</i>) ranking change from previously.The grey line is the same ranking as previously.The red downward arrow is a negative(<i>upwards</i>) ranking change from previously.