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Local Government Outcomes Framework

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Wider context & Framework aims

The **Framework** is part of a package of reforms designed to give **local leaders greater flexibility to shape their places** and **move away from central micro-management,** including**:**

- **Moving to multi-year Settlements** and delivering **significant funding reforms, including simplified funding arrangements,** as set out in the Fair Funding 2.0 consultation

- **Streamlining reporting requirements,** such as by reviewing the Single Data List and bringing more grants onto the MHCLG Funding Service

The Framework was designed to support a move away from a system of hundreds of ringfenced grants with conditions and burdensome reporting requirements, and towards **proportionate, outcomes-based performance measurement against key national outcomes.**

The overall aim of the framework has remained largely unchanged:

- **Support the simplification of grant funding** by setting key outcomes that central government and local government will work in partnership. along with local delivery bodies, to deliver this Spending Review period with more flexible funding

- **Drive improvement** in priority outcomes for residents and **provide greater freedom** for local authorities to make their own decisions about how best to deliver for local people and communities

- **Promote better joint working** between local partners, central and local government, and across Government

The framework sets 15 priority outcomes

These priority outcomes are underpinned by 134 metrics

Priority outcomes
Homelessness and rough sleeping
Housing
Multiple disadvantage
Best start in life
Every child achieving and thriving
Keeping children safe and family security (Children's Social Care)
Health and wellbeing

Priority outcomes continued
Adult Social Care – Quality
Adult Social Care – Independence
Adult Social Care - Neighbourhood health / integration
Neighbourhoods
Environment, circular economy and climate change
Transport and local infrastructure
Economic prosperity and regeneration (contextual outcome)
Child poverty (contextual outcome)

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Summer Engagement

We held 15 webinars and received 290+ written feedback from councils and sector bodies

As well as feedback on existing metrics, the key cross-cutting proposals were:

1 **General agreement** with the move to focus on outcomes but some suggestions for how **the structure and design** of the Framework could be improved.

2 The need to **take into account the role of other local bodies** and not assume that local government can control performance against all outcomes.

3 Asked for **clarity on how the Framework will be used.**

4 Concerns that an **April 2026 launch would coincide with the pre-election period,** and for **further clarity on any new digital product(s).**

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Use of the Framework

To reflect feedback and guide use of the LGOF, we are developing a set of "Principles"

Sector feedback	The Principles

Asks for clarity on how the LGOF will be used for **accountability and performance measurement** and what Government will do in response to outcome performance

Concerns that **external factors** and **local partners drive outcomes,** with calls for this to be reflected in Framework use

Questions on the LGOF's **alignment with other national frameworks, inspectorates, policies and strategies**

To create clarity both within and outside HMG, our draft "Principles" aim to:

- Drive a coherent approach to outcome improvement across service areas, and set out the central / local partnership that will underpin this
- Set expectations for how HMG will build outcomes into existing accountability regimes or develop bespoke approaches for this
- Signal how HMG will use the LGOF's data to understand the outcomes being delivered in an area and an LA's contributions towards this
- Clarify HMG's approach to responding to outcome delivery
- Set expectations for how LG should use the LGOF to drive improvement

Digital Tool

We intend to launch a Digital Tool for the Framework in Spring 2026

Area not councils

Statistical neighbours as default comparison

Context included

Time series data, not just snapshot

Ability to download all data in one click

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Next steps

LGOF publication alongside the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement (mid Dec)

LGOF 'live'

| Sep/Oct | Nov/ Dec | Early 2026 | April 2026 | Future |

Continue engagement with LG and sector representative bodies to develop the final Framework

Development and testing of data-driven product(s)

Continued engagement with LG as the Framework evolves and when/where changes are necessary (e.g. new data developments and availability)