



# Local Government Benchmarking Framework

## Review of 2023/24 Data

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# Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF)

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

LGBF helps Fife Council compare its performance against a suite of efficiency, output and outcome indicators that cover all areas of local government.

The framework provides high-level 'can openers' which are designed to focus questions on why variations in costs and performance are occurring between similar Councils. They do not supply the answers, that happens as Councils engage with each other and 'drill down' and explore why these variations are happening.

LGBF Returns are due annually, and publication of the LGBF forms part of each council's statutory requirement for public performance reporting (PPR), replacing the previous SPI Regime.

Each authority is allocated a family group of similar authorities based on factors such as deprivation and urban density so that each authority can compare its performance to that of similar authorities and seek performance improvement where appropriate.

Family Grouping for Children, Social Work and Housing Indicators (Family Group 3)	Family Grouping for Environmental, Culture & Leisure, Economic Development, Corporate, Property and Tackling Climate Change Indicators (Family Group 2)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Falkirk</li><li>• Dumfries &amp; Galloway</li><li>• <b>Fife</b></li><li>• South Ayrshire</li><li>• West Lothian</li><li>• South Lanarkshire</li><li>• Renfrewshire</li><li>• Clackmannanshire</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Perth &amp; Kinross</li><li>• Stirling</li><li>• Moray</li><li>• South Ayrshire</li><li>• East Ayrshire</li><li>• East Lothian</li><li>• North Ayrshire</li><li>• <b>Fife</b></li></ul>

# Key findings for Fife 2023/24

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## Overall

- Since 2010/11, Fife has improved its performance on 63 (59%) of LGBF indicators.
- Between 2022/23 and 2023/24, Fife's performance has improved on 38 (36%), stayed the same on 18 (17%) and deteriorated on 49 (47%) of LGBF indicators.
- While there has been an improvement in performance and cost indicators over time, recent performance is more mixed. Satisfaction indicators have shown little improvement.
- Fife's overall performance has remained consistent year on year, with a recent decline compared to the previous year. In 2023/24, Fife has 44.9% of indicators in the top two quartiles, 32.7% in the 3rd Quartile and 22.4% ranked in the bottom Quartile.

## Culture and Leisure Services

- 75% of Culture & Leisure Services indicators have improved and 25% have deteriorated since the base year.
- The cost of sports facilities and library visits has increased compared to last year, whereas the cost per museum visit, as well as parks and open spaces, has decreased and is now more aligned with the Scottish Average.
- Satisfaction levels with libraries is declining although remains higher than Scotland.

## Corporate Services

- 86% of Corporate Services indicators have improved and 14% have deteriorated since the base year.
- The cost of collection of Council Tax has improved and an increase in statutory penalties income has helped Fife to remain the top performing Council in Scotland.
- Sickness absence levels continue to increase and remain significantly worse than the Family Group (FG) and Scotland.

## Children's Services

- 50% of children's Services indicators have improved, 6% have stayed the same and 44% have deteriorated since the base year.
- The percentage of Pupils Gaining 5+ Awards at Level 5 and 6 from the 20% most deprived areas has increased slightly from previous year. These figures continue to lag behind their Family Group and Scotland as a whole.
- The Percentage of P1, P4 and P7 pupils achieving the expected CfE levels in Numeracy and Literacy has remained unchanged from previous years, however both are below their Family Group and Scottish Average.
- While attendance rates have been consistent, pupil exclusion rates have increased significantly from previous year.
- The participation rate for 16–19-year-olds has decreased compared to the previous year and continues to be lower than the Family Group and Scottish Average.

## Economic Development

- 69% of Economic Development indicators have improved since base year and 31% have deteriorated.
- The Percentage of unemployed people assisted into work from programmes supported or funded by the council has increased from last year.
- Fife's average Town Centre Vacancy Rate continues to increase and sits higher than both the Family Group and Scotland.
- Claimant Count is now below pre covid levels, however Fife remains slightly higher than Scotland.

## Tackling Climate Change

- Fife has continued to improve performance since the base year with a slight dip for Transport and Electricity in the latest year 2022-23.

## Environmental Services

- 79% of Environmental Services indicators have improved since base year and 21% have deteriorated.
- Net Cost of Waste Collection per premises is rising, however still remains better than the Family Group and Scotland.
- Cost of Trading Standards and Environment Health has reduced from previous year and sits below Family Group and Scotland.

## Financial sustainability

- 40% of Financial Sustainability indicators have improved, 20% have stayed the same and 40% have deteriorated since the base year.
- Over the past two years, total usable reserves as a percentage of the council's annual budgeted revenue have decreased, falling below Family Group and Scotland average.
- The uncommitted General Fund balance as a percentage of annual budgeted net revenue is significantly lower than previous years, Fife is below Family Group and Scotland.

## Housing Services

- 60% of Housing Services indicators have improved, 20% have stayed the same and 20% have deteriorated since the base year
- Gross Rent arrears and Average number of days taken to complete non emergency repairs remain similar to last year, and are better than Family Group and Scotland.
- Council Dwellings meeting Scottish Housing Quality Standards has improved from last year and is performing better than Family Group and Scotland overall.
- Fife has continued to maintain performance in terms of rent lost through properties being empty, matching the Family Group and better than the Scottish Average.

## Adult Social Work Services

- 27% of Adult Social Work indicators have improved since base year and 73% have deteriorated.
- Over time, there has been a notable decline in the percentage of adults supported at home who agree that their services and support have positively impacted their quality of life and helped them live as independently as possible.
- % of carers who feel supported to continue their caring role has increased.
- Residential costs per week, per resident for people 65+ and the rate of readmission to hospital within 28 days has increased slightly from previous year and is worse than Family Group and Scotland.
- Delayed discharge rates has improved from previous year, and remains above Family Group and Scotland.

## Expenditure Trends

- Since 2010/11, in line with other areas of Scotland, Fife has seen increased expenditure on support for care-experienced children (29.9% increase), adult social care (29.8% increase), and education (17.6% increase). Conversely, substantial reductions have been targeted in non-statutory services to balance statutory and ring-fenced commitments elsewhere. Areas where Fife's expenditure has increased in the last year mirror national trends, but indicate relatively steeper increases in expenditure.

# National Benchmarking Overview Report 2023-24

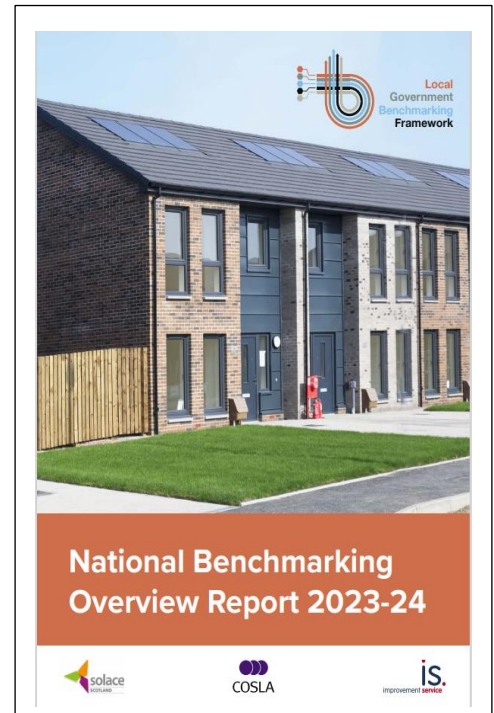
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The National Benchmarking Overview Report 2023-24 which was published by the Improvement Service in March 2025 sheds light on the performance of Scottish Councils during a challenging period. The document can be accessed via the link below on the Improvement Service website:

[National Benchmarking Overview Report 2023-24](#)

This year's report provides an evidence-based picture of the impact of deepening economic, workforce and demand pressures on local government services and the communities they serve. It reveals the extraordinary effort and achievements delivered across local government against an increasingly challenging backdrop and the difficult decisions councils are having to make about the shape and level of service delivery.

The report highlights that Councils are continuing to make savings and are facing increasingly difficult choices with their spending priorities. Expenditure within social care, education, and support for care experienced children continues to be sustained and enhanced. There are relative reductions in non-statutory services, in order to provide balance to statutory and ringfenced commitments elsewhere.



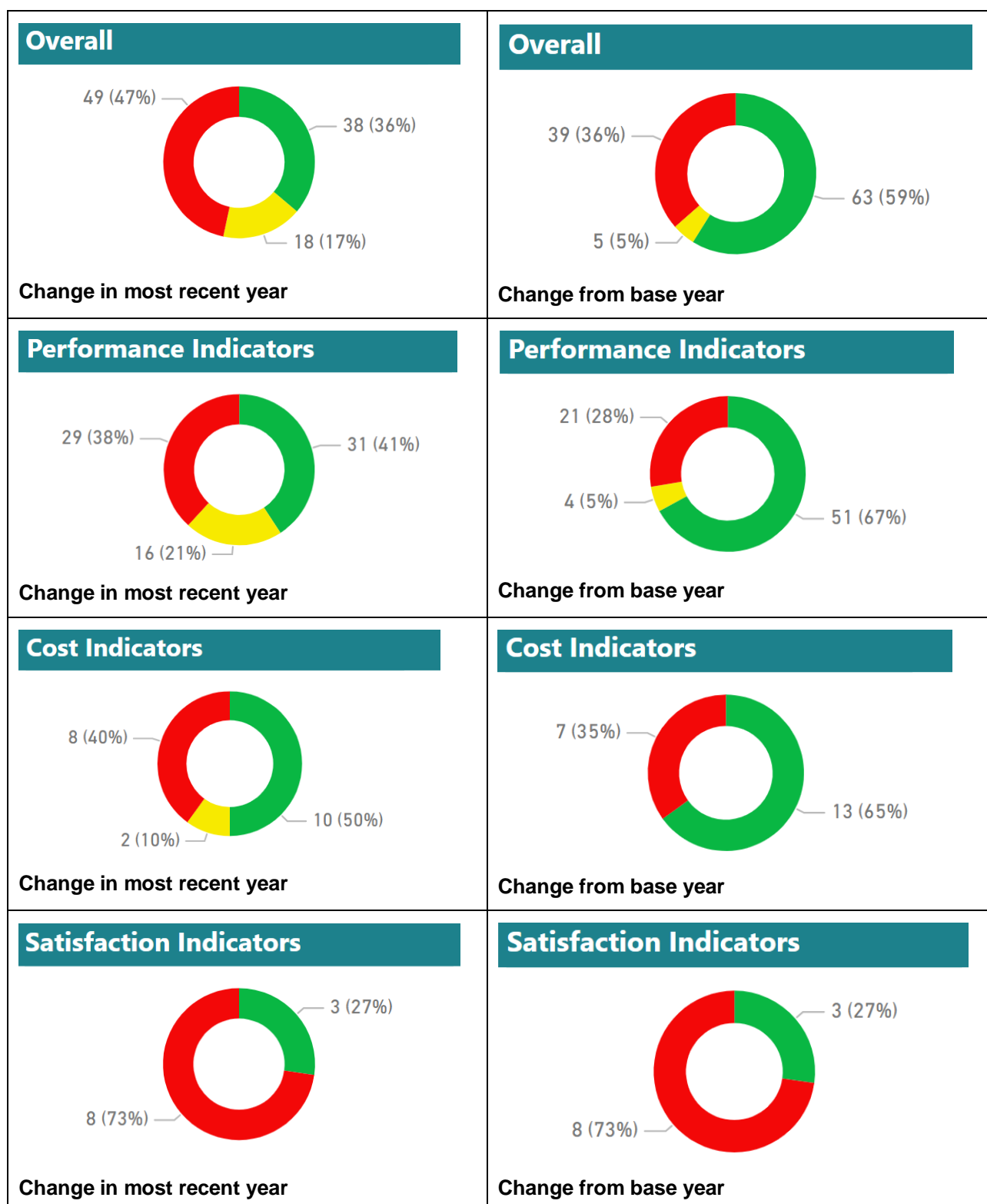
Over the last decade, council service performance has shown considerable improvement with 68% of performance indicators within the LGBF suite showing some improvement since the base year. There is however evidence that in recent years, in an increasingly challenging financial climate, year on year trends show a slowdown in this improvement, and an increase in the number of performance indicators which are now declining. In the last two years, the rate of decline has overtaken the rate of improvement (45% compared to 39% respectively). If the current trend continues, the improvements and progress that has been achieved thus far, could potentially be lost and council service performance may start to decline over the longer-term.

# Fife's Position 2023-24

Since 2010/11 (base year), Fife has improved its overall performance on 63 (59%) of LGBF indicators. Between 2022/23 and 2023/24, overall, Fife's performance has improved on 38 (36%), stayed the same on 18 (17%) and deteriorated on 49 (47%) of LGBF indicators.

While there has been an improvement in performance and cost indicators over time, recent performance is more mixed. Satisfaction indicators have shown little improvement.

The graphs show the proportion of indicators that have **improved**, **deteriorated** or **stayed the same** over time.

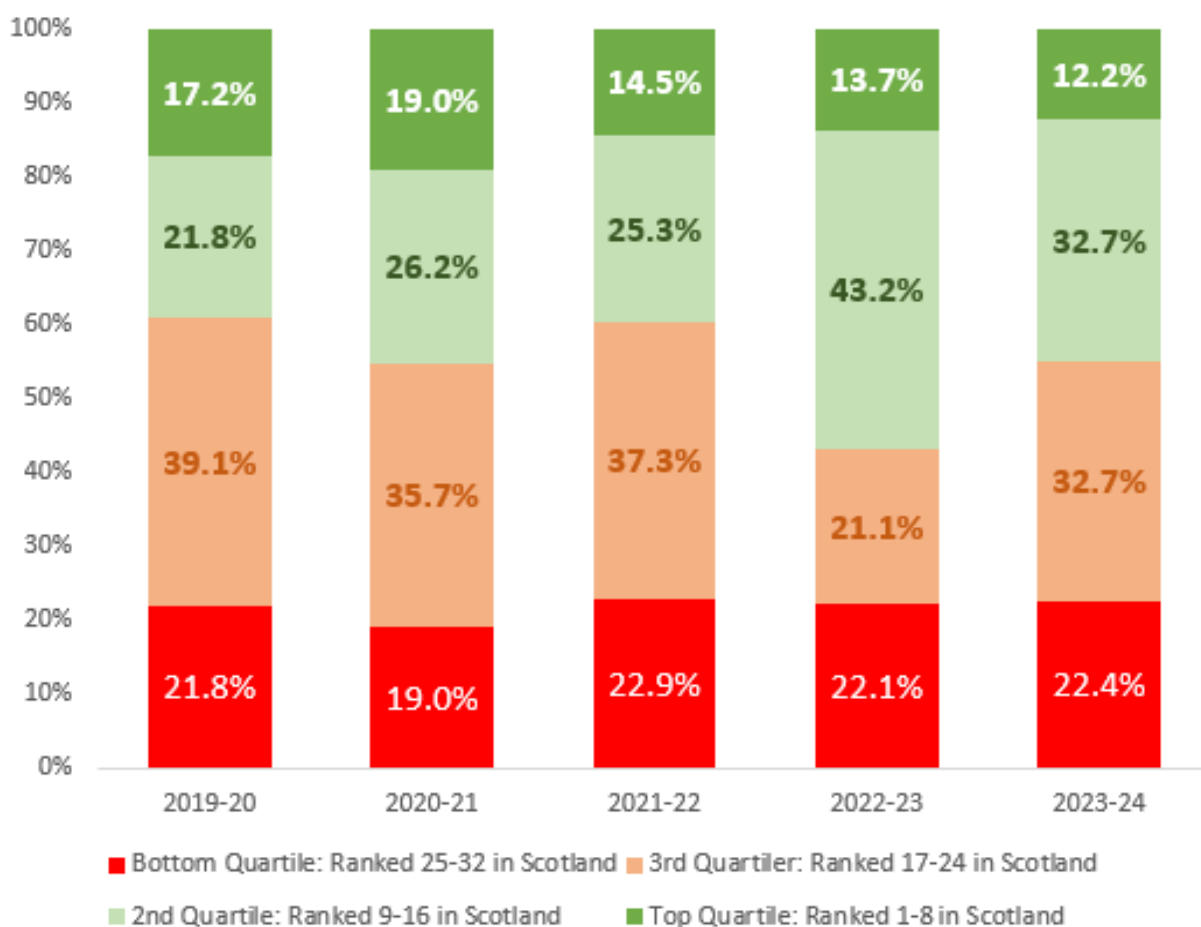


An overall comparison of LGBF performance across all 32 Councils in Scotland shows year to year fluctuation in the number of indicators where Fife features in the top two quartiles.

Fife's current position for 2023-24 shows 44.9% indicators in the top two quartiles, 32.7% in the 3rd Quartile and 22.4% ranked in the bottom Quartile.

The table below demonstrates that overall performance has remained consistent year on year, with a reduction in proportion of indicators in the top two quartiles compared to the previous year. However, caution is advised when interpreting data, due to issues such as, data availability, publication delays and some data only being collected on a biennial basis.

Fife LGBF Data Comparison over time by quartiles

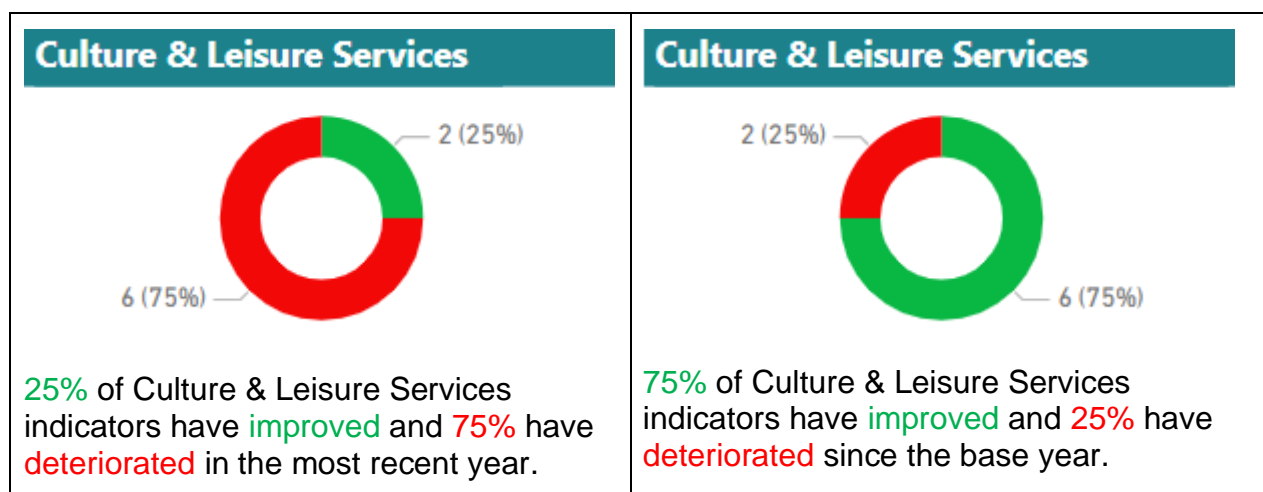


Please see the table in **Appendix 1** for an overview of current performance of LGBF indicators by service area, and how this compares to Fife over time, Family Group and Scotland.

# Fife's Position 2023-24 by Service Areas

## Culture & Leisure Services

- The cost of sports facilities and library visits has increased compared to last year, whereas the cost per museum visit, as well as parks and open spaces, has decreased and is now more aligned with the Scottish Average.
- Satisfaction levels with libraries is declining although remains higher than Scotland overall.
- Satisfaction with parks and open spaces remains steady year on year. Meanwhile, satisfaction with museums and galleries and leisure facilities, though lower than previous years, continues to perform better than Scotland overall.

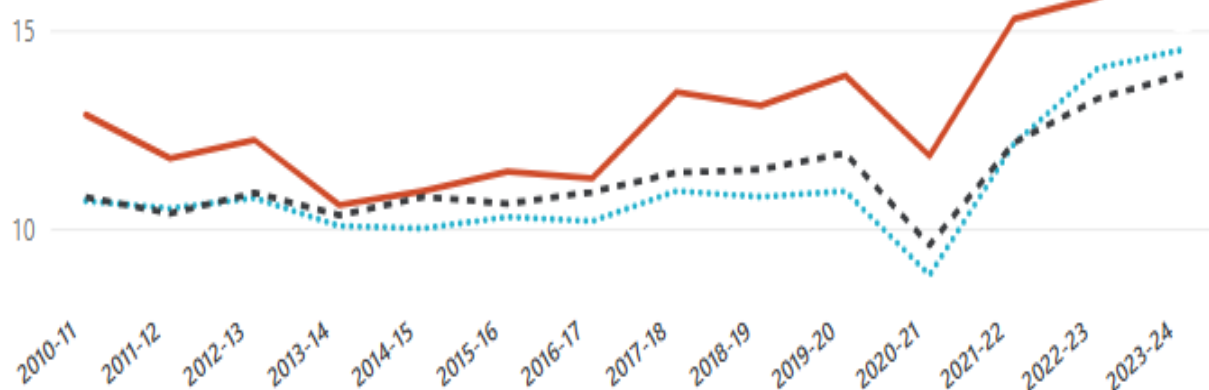


## Corporate Services

- Gender Pay Gap is improving and is performing better than the Family Group and Scotland as a whole.
- The proportion of the highest paid 5% of employees who are women remains the same as last year, however this is better than the Family Group and Scotland.
- Percentage of Invoices sampled that were paid within 30 days has improved from last year and remains better than the Family Group and Scotland overall.
- Proportion of SWF Crisis Grant decisions within 15 days has improved since last year, and is performing better than the Family Group and Scotland.
- Council Tax Income has remained consistent over the last few years. The cost of collection of Council Tax has improved compared to previous years and an increase in statutory penalties income has helped Fife to remain the top performing Council in Scotland.
- Corporate Assets: the percentage of operational buildings that are suitable for their current use and percentage of internal floor area of operational buildings in satisfactory condition remain similar to previous years.
- Sickness absence levels continue to increase and remain significantly worse than the Family Group (FG) and Scotland (see absence charts below).

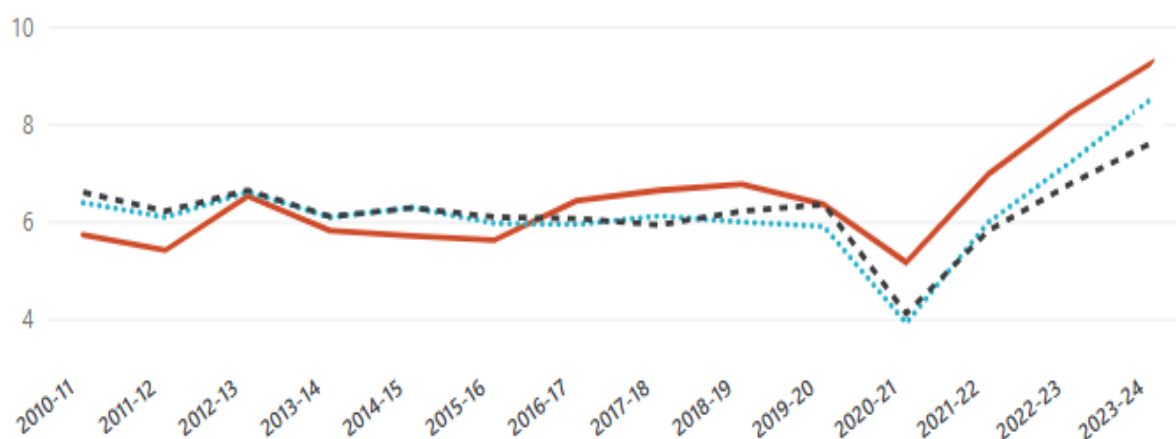
### CORP06b - Sickness absence days per employee (non-teacher)

Local Authority FG Average Scotland



### CORP06a - Sickness absence days per teacher

Local Authority FG Average Scotland

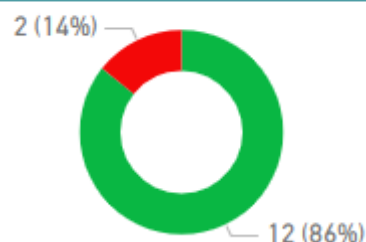


### Corporate Services



50% of Corporate Services indicators have improved, 21% have stayed the same and 29% have deteriorated in the most recent year

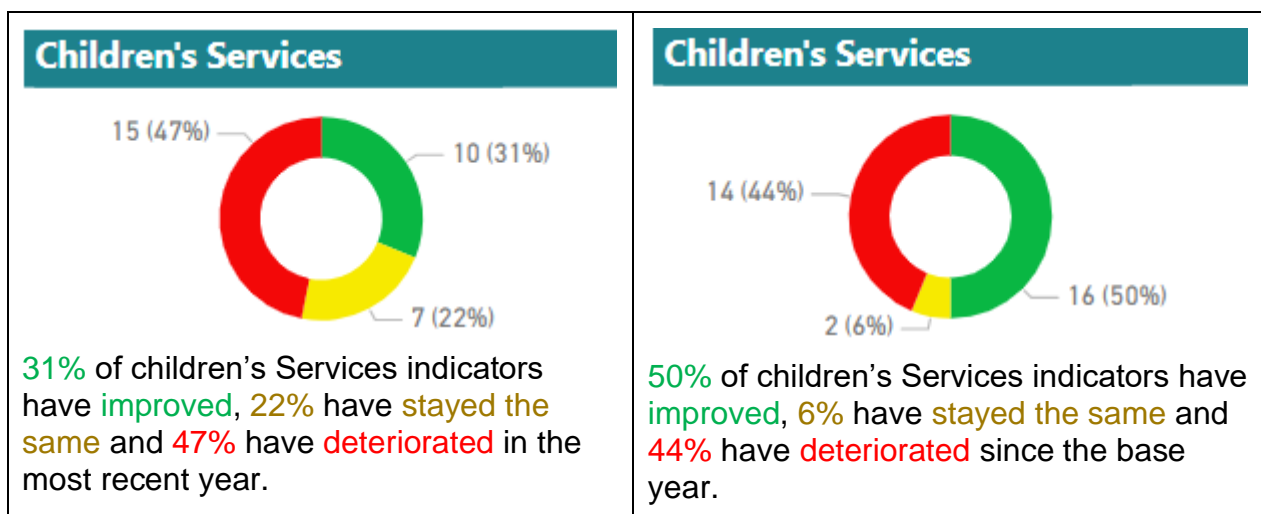
### Corporate Services



86% of Corporate Services indicators have improved and 14% have deteriorated since the base year.

## Children's Services

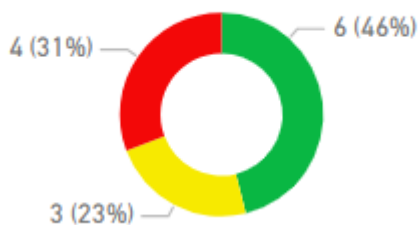
- The Cost of Primary and Secondary School Pupils remains lower compared to Fife's Family Group and Scotland overall.
- The percentage of Pupils Gaining 5+ Awards at Level 5 and 6 from the 20% most deprived areas has increased slightly from previous year. These figures continue to lag behind their Family Group and Scotland as a whole.
- The gross cost of children looked after in residential-based services and in community settings is lower than last year and remains similar to Family Groups and Scotland overall.
- The overall average total tariff, as well as the tariffs for Quintiles 1-5 continues to be lower than the Family Group and Scottish Average.
- The Percentage of P1, P4 and P7 pupils achieving the expected CfE levels in Numeracy and Literacy has remained unchanged from previous years, however both are below their Family Group and Scottish Average.
- School attendance rates have stayed consistent with the previous year. School Attendance rates for 'looked after pupils' is better than the Family Group and Scotland as a whole.
- Pupil exclusion rates have increased significantly from previous year.
- The participation rate for 16–19-year-olds has decreased compared to the previous year and continues to be lower than the Family Group and Scottish Average.
- The proportion of child protection re-registrations within 18 months has increased from the previous year and is underperforming compared to the Family Group and Scotland.



## Economic Development

- The Percentage of unemployed people assisted into work from programmes **supported or funded by** the council has increased from last year.
- The costs of Planning and Building Standards per planning application has shown recent decline, although better than the Family Group.
- Investment in Economic Development and Tourism is similar to previous year, and remains lower than Family Group and Scotland.
- Properties receiving Superfast Broadband continues to increase.
- There has been an improvement compared to base year in the proportion of people being paid the Real Living Wage.
- Fife's average Town Centre Vacancy Rate continues to increase and sits higher than both the Family Group and Scotland.
- Claimant Count is now below pre covid levels, however Fife remains slightly higher than Scotland.

### Economic Development



46% of Economic Development indicators have improved, 23% have stayed the same and 31% have deteriorated in the most recent year.

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69% of Economic Development indicators have improved and 31% have deteriorated since the base year.

## Environmental Services

- Net Cost of Waste Collection per premises is rising, however still remains better than the Family Group and Scotland.
- Net Cost of Street Cleaning is lower compared to previous year, however remains higher than Family Group and Scotland.
- Cost of Roads per kilometre improved.
- Percentage of A, B and C class roads considered for maintenance treatment all remain lower than previous year and similar to Family Groups and Scotland overall.
- Cost of Trading Standards and Environment Health has reduced from previous year and sits below Family Group and Scotland.
- Household waste recycling rates are being sustained.

### Environmental Services



64% of Environmental Services indicators have improved, 14% have stayed the same and 21% have deteriorated in the most recent year.

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79% of Environmental Services indicators have improved, and 21% have deteriorated since base year.

## Tackling Climate Change

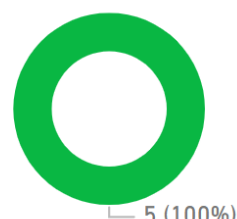
- Fife has continued to improve performance since the base year with a slight dip for carbon emissions, including from Transport and Electricity, in latest year 2022-23.
- Data for 2023-24 is lagging for this indicator set.

### Tackling Climate Change



60% of Environmental Services indicators have improved, and 40% have deteriorated based on most recently available data.

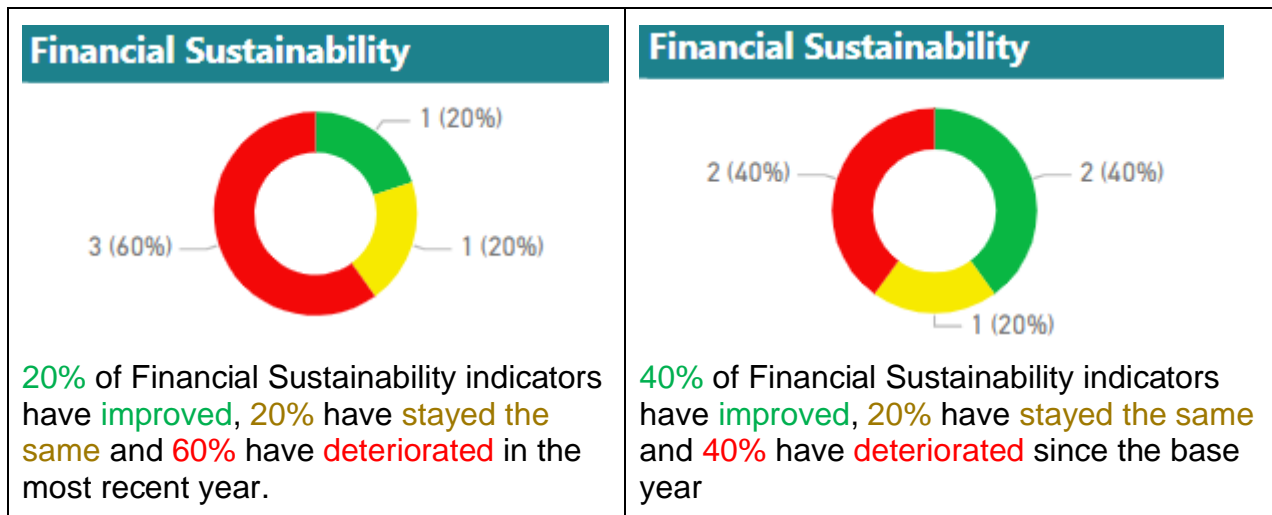
### Tackling Climate Change



100% of Environmental Services indicators have improved since the base year.

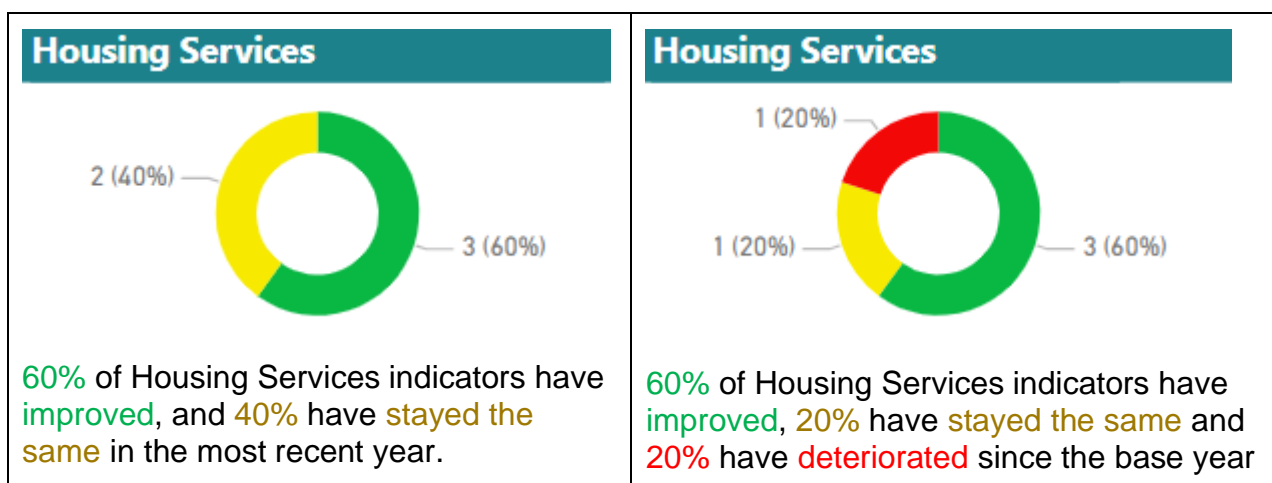
## Financial Sustainability

- Over the past two years, total usable reserves as a percentage of the council's annual budgeted revenue have decreased, falling below both the Family Group average and the Scotland-wide average.
- Additionally, the uncommitted General Fund balance as a percentage of annual budgeted net revenue is significantly lower than in previous years, placing Fife below both the Family Group and the Scottish Average.



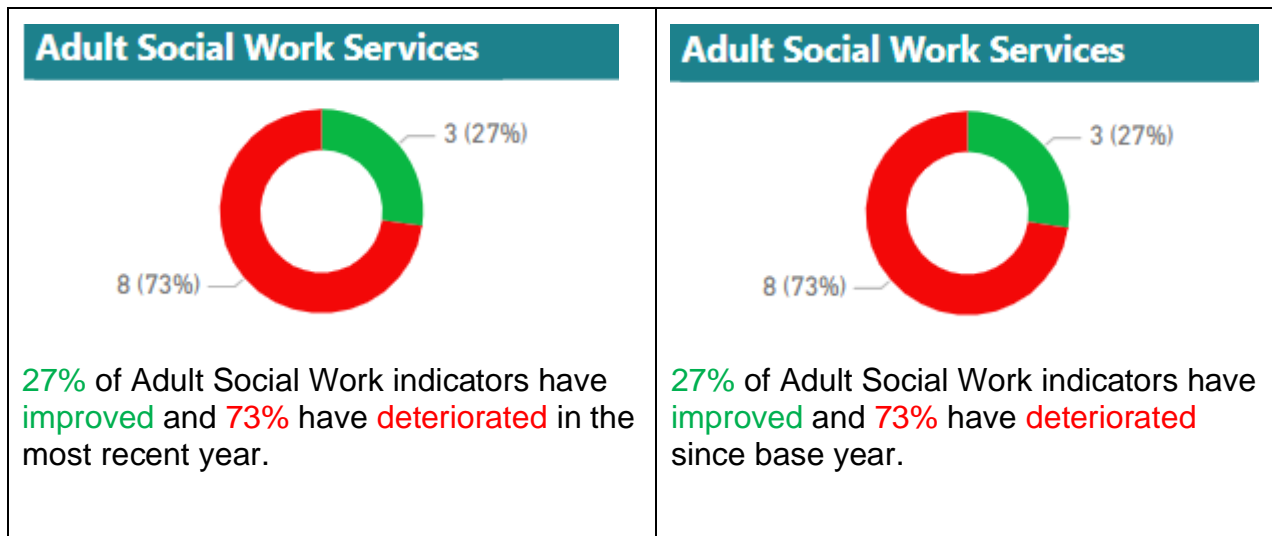
## Housing Services

- Gross Rent arrears and Average number of days taken to complete non emergency repairs remain similar to last year, and are performing better than Family Group and Scotland overall.
- Council Dwellings meeting Scottish Housing Quality Standards has improved from last year and is performing better than Family Group and Scotland overall.
- Fife has continued to maintain performance in terms of rent lost through properties being empty. Currently matching the Family Group and better than the Scottish Average.



## Adult Social Work Services

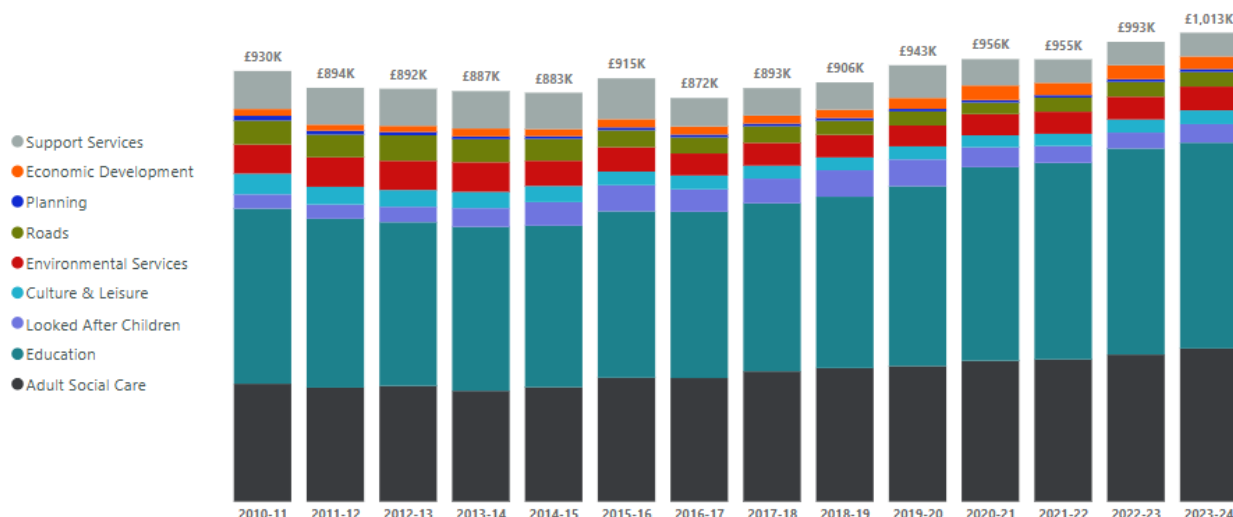
- Home Care costs per hour for 65+ remain similar to the previous year, however these are higher than the Family Group and the Scottish Average.
- The percentage of older people with longer term care needs receiving personal care at home is being sustained.
- Over time, there has been a notable decline in the percentage of adults supported at home who agree that their services and support have positively impacted their quality of life and helped them live as independently as possible.
- % of carers who feel supported to continue their caring role has increased.
- Residential costs per week, per resident for people 65+ and the rate of readmission to hospital within 28 days has increased slightly from previous year and is worse than Family Group and Scotland.
- Delayed discharge rates have improved from previous year, and remain above Family Group and Scotland.



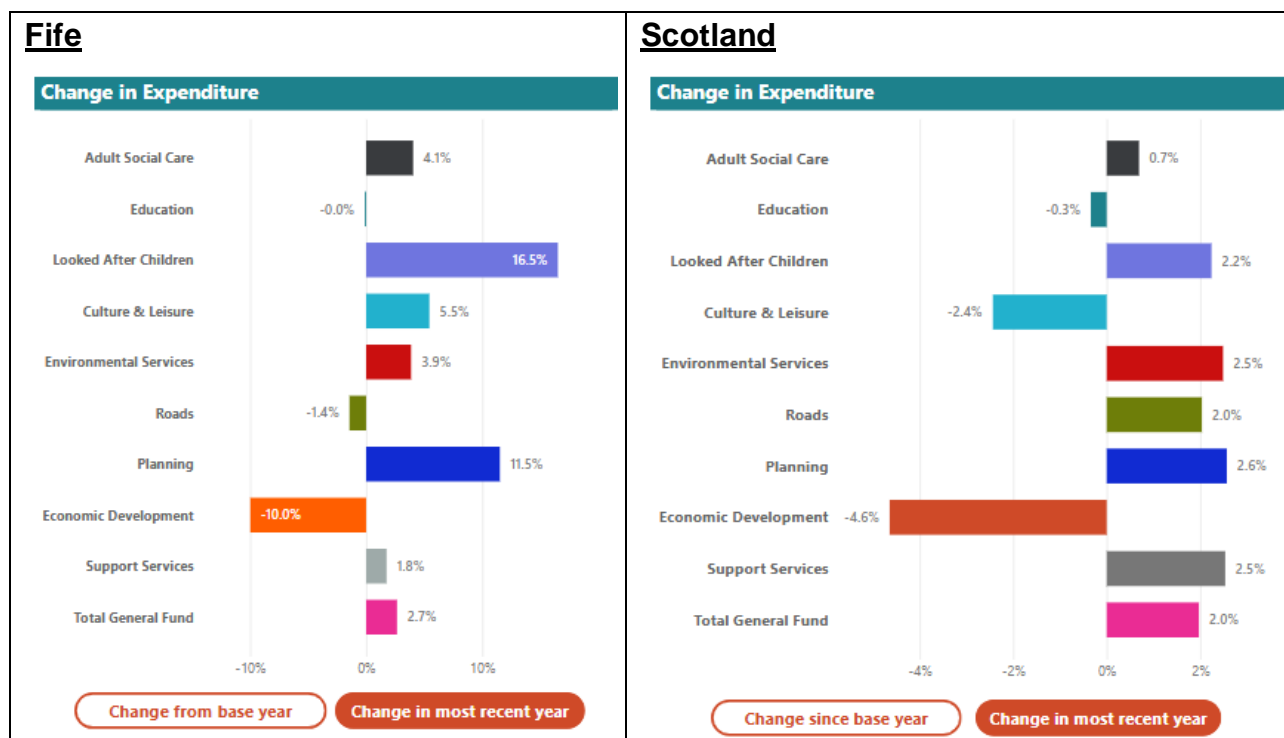
# Expenditure Trends

Councils are confronted with increasingly challenging decisions regarding their spending priorities. The chart below shows trends over time Fife's expenditure by service area:

**Expenditure by Service Area Over Time (in thousands)**



Since 2010/11, Fife has seen increased expenditure on support for care-experienced children (29.9% increase), adult social care (29.8% increase) and education (17.6% increase). Conversely, in line with other areas of Scotland, substantial reductions have been targeted in non-statutory services to balance statutory and ring-fenced commitments elsewhere. Areas where Fife's expenditure has increased in the last year, mirror national trends, but indicate relatively higher levels of expenditure.



# Using LGBF Data

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The Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) and the Fife findings presented in this report form a key element of Fife Council's improvement priority to develop a single system for strategic planning and performance reporting. This includes integrating corporate, service, change and thematic planning with robust data, performance analysis and insight to support service delivery and enable better scrutiny of our objectives and progress by elected members and the public.

Individual Service performance is reported annually to Scrutiny Committees via Service Annual Review Reports. These reports include (LGBF) data in addition to key performance indicator information, change objectives and budget, workforce, digital and risk management issues. The reports can be accessed online: [Council plans and performance | Fife Council](#)

Further discussion on LGBF findings with Directorate and Service Leadership Teams will support contextual understanding of Fife's position and inform strategic planning and service delivery arrangements.

# LGBF Resources - Improvement Service (IS)

LGBF information is available to Elected Members, citizens and users of Council Services directly from the Improvement Service.

## Guidance

Elected Members are encouraged to champion LGBF as a tool for improvement and use this information as 'high level' can openers to determine future priorities, budgetary pressures, and savings. The Improvement Service have issued a new LGBF guide for Elected Members which is available here:

[Elected Member Guidance: Understanding and using the LGBF](#)

## Dashboard

To access the website, please click on the link below to be directed to the Local Government Benchmarking Framework Dashboard.

From there, please follow the steps provided.

<https://www.improvementservice.org.uk/benchmarking/explore-the-data>

**Step 1: From the Dashboard, please click on the 'What is happening in my council area?' tile and choose 'Select a Local Authority' and filter to Fife.**



EXPLORE THE DATA

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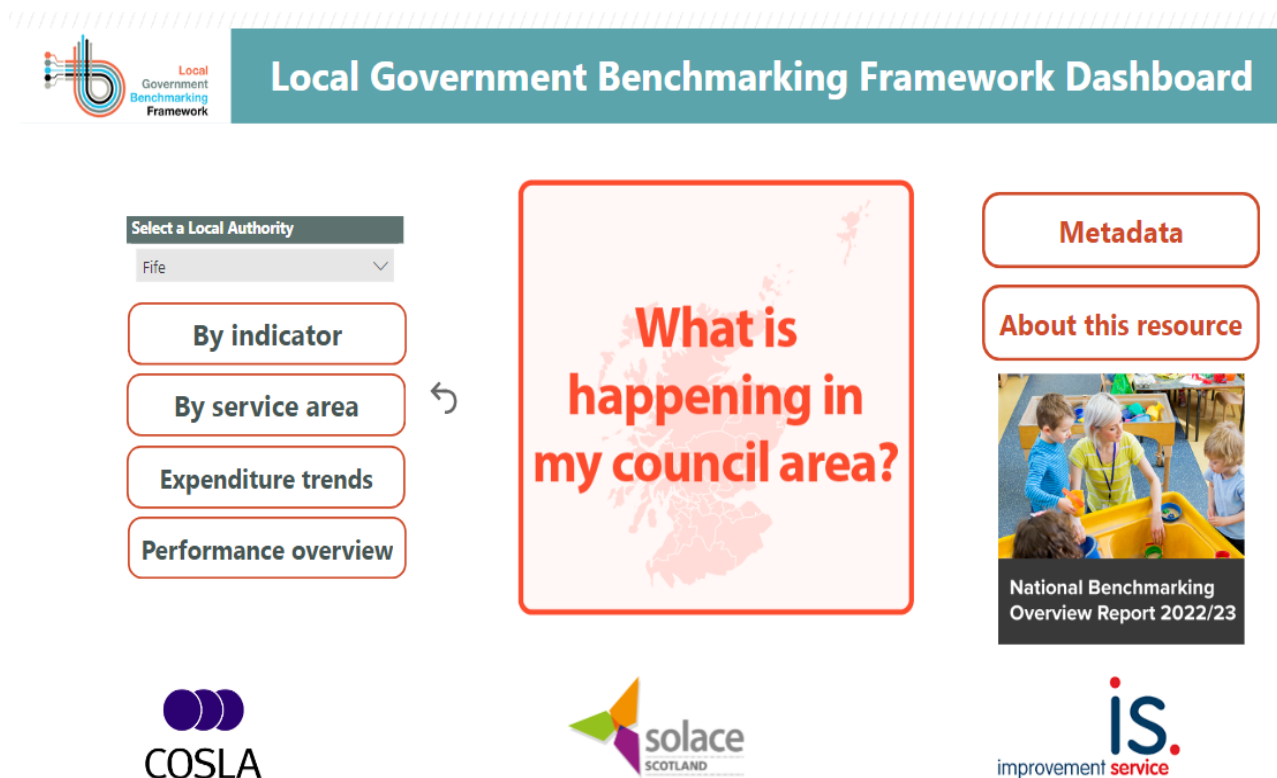
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## Step 2: Once the Local Authority for Fife has been selected, a range of the following options will appear:

- **By Indicator** – Displays Local Authority data by indicator showing the family group and relative position.
- **By Service Area** – Displays Service Area data in line graph format.
- **Expenditure trends** - Displays patterns by Service Area over time in data tables and graph format.
- **Performance Overview** – Displays the proportion of indicators that have improved, deteriorated or stayed the same over time.



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# Appendix 1 – Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) 2023/24

Overview of Fife's current performance, and how this compares to Fife over time, Family Group and Scotland

Key

Icon	Quartile	Rank
<b>Top</b>	Top quartile	1-8 in Scotland
<b>Second</b>	Second quartile	9-16 in Scotland
<b>Third</b>	Third quartile	17-24 in Scotland
<b>Bottom</b>	Bottom quartile	25-36 in Scotland

Rating	Assessment
Better	Performance has <b>improved</b> relative to comparator
Worse	Performance is <b>worse</b> relative to comparator
Same	Performance is <b>same</b> relative to comparator

Code	Culture and Leisure	Quartile	Rank	Fife	Fife over time	Family group	Fife v FG	Scotland	Fife v Scotland
C&L01	Cost per attendance at Sports facilities	<b>Third</b>	22	£4.64	Better	£4.99	<b>Better</b>	£4.35	Worse
C&L02	Cost per Library Visit	<b>Bottom</b>	27	£5.24	Better	£4.77	<b>Worse</b>	£2.38	Worse
C&L03	Cost per Museum Visit	<b>Second</b>	11	£3.29	Better	£2.74	<b>Worse</b>	£3.50	Better
C&L04	Cost of Parks & Open Spaces per 1,000 Population	<b>Second</b>	16	£23,681	Better	£25,843	<b>Better</b>	£23,376	Worse
C&L05a	Proportion of adults satisfied with libraries	<b>Second</b>	11	72.7%	Worse	73.8%	<b>Worse</b>	67%	Better
C&L05b	Proportion of adults satisfied with parks and open spaces	<b>Third</b>	18	85%	Better	86.2%	<b>Worse</b>	85%	Same
C&L05c	Proportion of adults satisfied with museums and galleries	<b>Second</b>	14	70.3%	Better	67.7%	<b>Better</b>	69.3%	Better
C&L05d	Proportion of adults satisfied with leisure facilities	<b>Second</b>	12	70.3%	Worse	71.2%	<b>Worse</b>	67%	Better

Code	Children's Services	Quartile	Rank	Fife	Fife over time	Family group	Fife v FG	Scotland	Fife v Scotland
CHN01	Cost per Primary School Pupil	Second	12	£7,077	Worse	£7,472	Better	£7,213	Better
CHN02	Cost per Secondary School Pupil	Top	2	£8,296	Worse	£9,069	Better	£8,957	Better
CHN03	Cost per Pre-School Education place	Second	11	£11,041	Worse	£11,452	Better	£11,659	Better
CHN04	% of Pupils Gaining 5+ Awards at Level 5	Bottom	30	59%	Better	67%	Worse	67%	Worse
CHN05	% of Pupils Gaining 5+ Awards at Level 6	Bottom	26	32%	Better	39%	Worse	39%	Worse
CHN06	% of Pupils from 20% most Deprived Areas Gaining 5+ Awards at Level 5	Third	23	41%	Better	49%	Worse	50%	Worse
CHN07	% of Pupils from 20% most Deprived Areas Gaining 5+ Awards at Level 6	Third	22	16%	Better	21%	Worse	23%	Worse
*CHN08a	Gross Costs of 'Children Looked After' in residential-based services per child per week	Third	18	£5,008	Better	£5,009	Better	£5,071	Better
*CHN08b	Gross Cost of "Children Looked After" in a community setting per child per Week	Bottom	28	£588	Worse	£468	Worse	£466	Worse
*CHN09	Proportion of children being looked after in the community	Top	5	93.1%	Better	90.3%	Better	89.2%	Better
CHN10	Proportion of adults satisfied with local schools	Third	22	70.7%	Worse	71.3%	Worse	70.7%	Same
CHN11	Proportion of pupils entering positive destinations	Third	18	95.6%	Better	96.4%	Worse	95.7%	Worse
CHN12a	Overall Average Total Tariff	Bottom	28	810	Better	909	Worse	917	Worse
CHN12b	Overall Average Total Tariff SIMD Quartile 1	Third	19	554	Better	636	Worse	658	Worse
CHN12c	Overall Average Total Tariff SIMD Quartile 2	Bottom	28	648	Better	759	Worse	762	Worse
CHN12d	Overall Average Total Tariff SIMD Quartile 3	Bottom	26	834	Better	938	Worse	899	Worse
CHN12e	Overall Average Total Tariff SIMD Quartile 4	Third	20	988	Better	1075	Worse	1049	Worse
CHN12f	Overall Average Total Tariff SIMD Quartile 5	Third	21	1125	Better	1213	Worse	1260	Worse

\* 2022-23

Code	Children's Services	Quartile	Rank	Fife	Fife over time	Family group	Fife v FG	Scotland	Fife v Scotland
CHN13a	% of P1, P4 and P7 pupils achieving expected CFE level in Literacy	Third	24	71.1%	Worse	75.4%	Worse	74%	Worse
CHN13b	% of P1, P4 and P7 pupils achieving expected CFE level in Numeracy	Bottom	25	77.3%	Worse	81.2%	Worse	80.3%	Worse
CHN14a	Literacy Attainment Gap (P1,4,7 Combined)	Third	23	22.9	Worse	19	Worse	20.2	Worse
CHN14b	Numeracy Attainment Gap (P1,4,7 Combined)	Third	22	19.9	Worse	17	Worse	17.4	Worse
*CHN17	Proportion of Children meeting developmental milestones	Third	21	81.1%	Worse	81.6%	Worse	82.1%	Worse
CHN18	Proportion of funded early years provision which is graded good/better	Top	7	94.6%	Better	91.8%	Better	89.8%	Better
CHN19a	School attendance rates (per 100 pupils)	Bottom	25	89.6%	Worse	90.3%	Worse	90.3%	Worse
*CHN19b	School attendance rates (per 100 'looked after pupils')	Top	6	87.2%	Worse	84.5%	Better	84.4%	Better
*CHN20a	School exclusions rates (per 1,000 pupils)	Third	19	18.4	Better	15.9	Worse	16.6	Worse
CHN20b	School exclusions rates (per 1,000 'looked after pupils')	Third	20	95.4	Better	80.1	Worse	96.9	Better
CHN21	Participation rate for 16–19-year-olds (%)	Bottom	28	90.8%	Better	92.7%	Worse	92.7%	Worse
*CHN22	Proportion of Child Protection re-registrations within 18 months	Bottom	26	8.9%	Worse	6.1%	Worse	5.6%	Worse
*CHN23	Proportion of LAC with more than 1 placement in the last year	Bottom	32	37.8%	Worse	18.8%	Worse	17.2%	Worse
*CHN24	Proportion of children living in poverty (after housing costs)	Third	24	26.6%	Worse	25.8%	Worse	21.8%	Worse

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Code	Corporate Services	Quartile	Rank	Fife	Fife over time	Family group	Fife v FG	Scotland	Fife v Scotland
CORP01	Support services as a percentage of Total Gross expenditure	Second	16	3.9%	Better	3.8%	Worse	4.1%	Better
CORP03b	Proportion of the highest paid 5% of employees who are women	Second	9	61.7%	Better	60.2%	Better	59.8%	Better
CORP03c	Gender pay gap (%)	Top	8	0.2%	Better	1.8%	Better	2%	Better
CORP04	Cost per dwelling of collecting Council Tax	Top	1	-£0.14	Better	£5.21	Better	£5.89	Better
CORP06a	Sickness absence days per teacher	Bottom	25	9.3	Worse	8.5	Worse	7.6	Worse
CORP06b	Sickness absence days per employee (non-teacher)	Bottom	28	16.7	Worse	14.5	Worse	13.9	Worse
CORP07	Percentage of income due from Council Tax received by the end of the year	Third	21	95.2%	Better	95.8%	Worse	95.5%	Worse
CORP08	Percentage of invoices sampled that were paid within 30 days	Top	5	96.4%	Better	89.5%	Better	93.1%	Better
+CORP09	Proportion of SWF Crisis Grant decisions within 1 day	Top	5	99.5%	Better	94.9%	Better	96%	Better
+CORP10	Proportion of SWF Community Care Grant decisions within 15 days	Third	20	96.7%	Better	89.9%	Better	92.9%	Better
CORP11	Proportion of SWF budget spent	Top	3	190.1%	Better	129.5%	Better	128.9%	Better
CORP12	Proportion of DHP funding spent	Top	5	107%	Better	103.5%	Better	101%	Better
Code	Corporate Assets	Quartile	Rank	Fife	Fife over time	Family group	Fife v FG	Scotland	Fife v Scotland
CORP-ASSET01	% of operational buildings that are suitable for their current use	Third	24	83.8%	Better	90.7%	Worse	85.5%	Worse

CORP-ASSET02	% of internal floor area of operational buildings in satisfactory condition	Second	16	91.1%	Better	88.3%	Better	89.8%	Better
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Code	Economic Development and Planning	Quartile	Rank	Fife	Fife over time	Family group	Fife v FG	Scotland	Fife v Scotland
ECON01	Percentage of Unemployed People Assisted into work from Council Programmes	Third	18	11.9%	Better	17%	Worse	12.1%	Worse
ECON02	Cost of Planning & Building Standards per planning application	Third	19	£6,902	Worse	£8,669	Better	£6,679	Worse
ECON03	Average time per business and industry planning application (weeks)	Second	16	10.3	Better	8.7	Worse	10.7	Better
ECON04	Proportion of procurement spent on local enterprises	Second	10	33.1%	Better	24.5%	Better	30.7%	Better
ECON05	No of business gateway start-ups per 10,000 population	Second	14	16.4	Worse	14.8	Better	13.6	Better
ECON06	Investment in Economic Development & Tourism per 1,000 population	Third	17	£105,461	Better	£109,862	Worse	£118,765	Worse
ECON07	Proportion of people earning less than the living wage	Second	11	11.8%	Better	13.6%	Better	10.2%	Worse
ECON08	Proportion of properties receiving Superfast Broadband	Second	9	98.3%	Better	94.9%	Better	95.9%	Better
ECON09	Town Vacancy Rates	Bottom	30	18.8%	Worse	17%	Worse	12.3%	Worse
ECON10	Immediate available employment land as a % of total land allocated for employment purposes	Bottom	27	4.5%	Worse	23.7%	Worse	24.5%	Worse
*ECON11	Gross Value Added (GVA) per capita	Third	21	£20,140	Worse	£20,886	Worse	£27,039	Worse

✚ECON12a	Claimant Count as a % of Working Age Population	Third	23	3.3%	Better	3.1%	Worse	3.1%	Worse
✚ECON12b	Claimant Count as % of 16-24 Population	Third	22	3.8%	Better	4.0%	Better	3.4%	Worse

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Code	Environmental Services	Quartile	Rank	Fife	Fife over Time	Family group	Fife v FG	Scotland	Fife v Scotland
ENV01a	Net cost per Waste collection per premises	Second	10	£70.88	Better	£82.56	Better	£78.72	Better
ENV02a	Net cost per Waste disposal per premises	Second	10	£97.42	Better	£104.83	Better	£104.38	Better
ENV03a	Net cost of street cleaning per 1,000 population	Third	23	£18,065	Better	£14,591	Worse	£15,961	Worse
ENV03c	Street Cleanliness Score	Second	16	93.4%	Worse	92.7%	Better	92.1%	Better
ENV04a	Cost of roads per kilometre	Second	16	£12,577	Better	£13.806	Better	£13.788	Better
ENV04b	Percentage of A class roads considered for maintenance treatment	Third	17	28.4%	Better	27.4%	Better	28.9%	Worse
ENV04c	Percentage of B class roads considered for maintenance treatment	Third	23	32.7%	Better	30.3%	Better	32.5%	Better
ENV04d	Percentage of C class roads considered for maintenance treatment	Second	10	27.5%	Better	31.9%	Worse	33.4%	Worse
ENV04e	Percentage of unclassified roads considered for maintenance treatment	Second	14	32.2%	Better	35.8%	Worse	36.2%	Worse
ENV05	Cost of Trading Standards and environmental health per 1,000 population	Second	10	£18,799	Better	£20,330	Better	£22,804	Better
ENV05a	Cost of Trading Standards, Money Advice & Citizens Advice per 1,000 population	Third	23	£9,201	Better	£6,338	Worse	£7,266	Worse
ENV05b	Cost of environmental health per 1,000 population	Top	4	£9,598	Better	£13,992	Better	£15,538	Better

ENV06	Proportion of total household waste arising that is recycled	Third	18	45.9%	Worse	52.3%	Worse	43.5%	Better
ENV07a	Proportion of adults satisfied with refuse collection	Second	14	82.7%	Better	79.4%	Better	78.3%	Better
ENV07b	Proportion of adults satisfied with street cleaning	Top	5	67.7%	Worse	57.9%	Better	58%	Better

Code	Housing	Quartile	Rank	Fife	Fife over Time	Family group	Fife v FG	Scotland	Fife v Scotland
HSN01b	Gross rent arrears (all tenants) as a percentage of rent due for the year	Second	10	8.1%	Worse	9.2%	Better	9.5%	Better
HSN02	Proportion of rent due in the year that was lost due to voids	Second	13	1.4%	Better	1.4%	Same	1.8%	Better
HSN03	Proportion of council dwellings meeting Scottish Housing Quality Standards	Top	5	92.2%	Better	86.2%	Better	77.8%	Better
HSN04b	Average number of days taken to complete non-emergency repairs	Top	3	6.3	Better	8.6	Better	10	Better
HSN05a +	Proportion of council dwellings that are energy efficient	Second	13	89.1%	Better	87.5%	Better	87.6%	Better

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Code	Tackling Climate Change	Quartile	Rank	Fife	Fife over Time	Family group	Fife v FG	Scotland	Fife v Scotland
CLIM01 +	CO2 emissions area wide per capita	Bottom	26	7.81	Better	5.50	Worse	4.81	Worse
CLIM02 +	CO2 emissions area wide: emissions within scope of LA per capita	Second	16	4.33	Better	5.17	Better	4.27	Worse

CLIM03 +	CO2 emissions from Transport per capita	Third	22	30.2	Better	26.26	Worse	27.83	Worse
CLIM04 +	CO2 emissions from Electricity per capita	Third	22	44.46	Better	39.72	Worse	43.72	Worse
CLIM05 +	CO2 emissions from Natural Gas per capita	Second	12	50.22	Better	52.93	Better	57.57	Better

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Code	Adult Social Care	Quartile	Rank	Fife	Fife over Time	Family group	Fife v FG	Scotland	Fife v Scotland
SW01	Home care costs per hour for people aged 65 or over	Bottom	26	£45.78	Worse	£30.71	Worse	£33.61	Worse
SW02	SDS (DP + MPB) spend on adults as a % of total adult social work spend	Bottom	27	3.5%	Better	5.3%	Worse	9%	Worse
SW03a	% of people 65+ with long-term care needs who are receiving personal care at home	Second	15	62.8%	Better	64.6%	Worse	62.6%	Better
SW04b	% of adults supported at home who agree that their services and support had an impact in improving or maintaining their quality of life	Bottom	26	67%	Worse	64.8%	Better	69.8%	Worse
SW04c	% of adults supported at home who agree that they are supported to live as independently as possible	Third	24	70%	Worse	67.9%	Better	72.4%	Worse
SW04d	% of adults supported at home who agree that they had a say in how their help, care or support was provided	Bottom	31	51%	Worse	55.7%	Worse	59.6%	Worse
SW04e	% of carers who feel supported to continue in their caring role	Third	19	30.3%	Worse	28.5%	Better	31.2%	Worse

SW05	Residential costs per week per resident for people aged 65 or over	Bottom	28	£1,059	Worse	£702	Worse	£723	Worse
SW06	Rate of readmission to hospital within 28 days per 1,000 discharges	Third	24	117.9	Worse	108.1	Worse	103.9	Worse
SW07	Proportion of adult care services graded good or better	Bottom	32	68.7%	Worse	78.9%	Worse	77%	Worse
SW08	Number of days people spend in hospital when they are ready to be discharged, per 1,000 population (75+)	Second	13	628	Worse	896	Better	841	Better

Code	Financial Sustainability	Quartile	Rank	Fife	Fife over Time	Family group	Fife v FG	Scotland	Fife v Scotland
FINSUS01	Total useable reserves as a % of council annual budgeted revenue	Bottom	27	17.1%	Better	21%	Worse	23.9%	Worse
FINSUS02	Uncommitted General Fund Balance as a % of annual budgeted net revenue	Bottom	29	1.3%	Worse	2.4%	Worse	2.3%	Worse
FINSUS03	Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream - General Fund	Second	14	5.1%	Better	6.2%	Worse	5.8%	Worse
FINSUS04	Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream - Housing Revenue Account	Second	16	24.1%	Worse	21.6%	Better	20%	Better
FINSUS05	Actual outturn as a percentage of budgeted expenditure	Third	23	99.1%	Same	99.3%	Worse	99.6%	Worse