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HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title:	Local Government Outcomes Framework – Consultation Response
Meeting/Date:	Performance & Growth – 3 rd September 2025
Executive Portfolio:	Councillor Stephen Ferguson, Executive Councillor for Resident Services and Corporate Performance
Report by:	Head of Policy, Performance and Emergency Planning
Ward(s) affected:	All

Executive Summary:

This report presents the Panel with an outline of the new Local Government Outcomes framework (LGOF), which is a proposed set of priority outcomes and draft metrics aimed at supporting local government in service delivery and accountability. The framework proposed by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) is designed to guide sector engagement and inform future performance measurement and policy alignment.

Councils are expected to reference and align their strategies with these metrics, indicating how direction of travel is considered to achieve specified outcomes.

This is not new thinking for HDC, an outcomes framework was used to create Huntingdonshire Futures and the Corporate Plan Outcomes:

- The five strategic “journeys” in the Huntingdonshire Futures Community Atlas
- The contextual indicators in Contextual Outcome Measures
- Strong alignment exists between LGOF and HDC’s strategic frameworks, especially in areas like housing, health, and economic inclusion.
- Contextual measures already track many of the LGOF’s proposed metrics, including deprivation, employment, housing quality, and educational outcomes
- The Corporate Plan’s “Do – Enable – Influence” model complements the LGOF’s emphasis on shared accountability and system-wide impact.

The timeline for engagement is set out with an analysis by the Performance and Insight team of the link to the Outcomes framework and indicators proposed and the council's performance management framework, Corporate Plan outcomes and Contextual measures.

The proposed measures have been collated for the Council using the Local Government Associations' Insight Tool for information as we work to a single set of outcome metrics, part of the refresh of the Council's performance management framework. This will combine and simplify the Council's existing contextual measures, the contextual measures associated with Huntingdonshire Futures and LGOF. This will be available to support Service Planning in Quarters 3 and 4 of 2025/26 and the Corporate Plan refresh.

The proposed feedback to inform the government's proposals is also presented which has been informed by engagement across Council services.

Recommendation(s):

Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance & Growth) is

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) To comment on the contents of the report
- (b) Make any comments regarding the proposed feedback submission (Appendix 9 and 10) in the government's initial engagement period which will be submitted by 22nd September 2025.

