

# Local Government Outcomes Framework

An analysis of the **implications of the proposed Local Government Outcomes Framework (LGOF)** for **Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC)**, with a focus on whether the draft indicators align with or risk missing key outcomes and priorities set out in HDC’s Corporate Plan 2023–2028 (2025–26 version).

## Summary of Key Findings

### 1. Strong Alignment Areas

The LGOF aligns well with several of HDC’s strategic priorities:

HDC Priority	LGOF Outcome Area	Alignment
Improving quality of life for local people	Health and Wellbeing, Homelessness, Housing, Neighbourhoods	Strong
Creating a better Huntingdonshire for future generations	Housing, Environment, Economic Prosperity	Strong
Doing our core work well	Adult Social Care, Transport, Planning, Waste	Moderate to Strong

Examples:

- HDC’s focus on **preventing crisis** and **supporting wellbeing** is reflected in LGOF’s outcomes on **homelessness**, **multiple disadvantage**, and **health**.
- HDC’s **climate and biodiversity goals** are echoed in LGOF’s **Environment and Climate Change** outcome.
- HDC’s **economic growth and regeneration** ambitions are supported by LGOF’s **Economic Prosperity** contextual metrics.

### 2. Potential Gaps or Risks of Underrepresentation

Despite the broad coverage, some HDC priorities may be **underrepresented or insufficiently measured** in the LGOF:

HDC Focus Area	Potential Gap in LGOF	Implication
Community Health & Wealth Building	No direct metrics on local wealth retention, social value procurement, or community-led investment	May miss HDC’s innovative approach to local economic resilience
Prevention and Early Intervention	LGOF focuses on outcomes (e.g. homelessness prevented) but lacks metrics on early-stage interventions or integrated models like HDC’s financial vulnerability project	Could overlook upstream success

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<b>Local Influence and Empowerment</b>	LGOF includes some satisfaction and trust metrics, but lacks depth on co-production, local engagement, or influence over services	May not reflect HDC's "Do, Enable, Influence" model
<b>Cultural and Leisure Services</b>	Minimal reference in LGOF to leisure, culture, or physical activity beyond youth sport	Risks undervaluing HDC's One Leisure and wellbeing offer
<b>Digital and Innovation</b>	No indicators on digital inclusion, AI use, or innovation in service delivery	Misses HDC's transformation and efficiency agenda
<b>Lowering carbon emissions</b>	No indicator to reflect carbon emissions	Broad prioritisation will not reflect HDC Climate Strategy driving our activities and encouraging others to do the same.

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## **Recommendations for HDC's Consultation Response**

- Advocate for Local Flexibility:** Emphasise the need for councils to supplement national indicators with local metrics that reflect unique strategies like HDC's Community Health & Wealth Building.
  - Propose Additional Metrics:**
    - Early intervention success rates (e.g. financial vulnerability model outcomes)
    - Community engagement and co-production indicators
    - Cultural participation and leisure service usage
    - Digital access and innovation in service delivery
    - Carbon Emissions these are readily available and reported by the Department for Energy Security and Net-Zero
  - Highlight Integration Needs:** Stress the importance of aligning LGOF with ICS and place-based approaches, especially where HDC is a statutory partner.
  - Timing & Disaggregation:** Ask for metrics to be disaggregated to district level where possible, to ensure relevance for non-unitary councils like HDC or phase introduction with new unitary boundaries when decided, anticipated summer 2026. Shadow authorities being established in 2027 the Outcomes Framework should be intrinsic to the Corporate Priorities and Plans for the new Councils.
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