

Annex 1

Local Government Finance Statistics User Engagement

Products

Title of Product	Designation*	Sources of Data
Local Authority Capital Expenditure and Receipts: England, Forecast and Provisional Outturn	National Statistics	Local Authority (LA) Capital Estimate Returns (CER)
Local Authority Capital Expenditure and Receipts: England, Final Outturn	National Statistics	LA Capital Outturn Returns (COR 1,2,3,4,&5)
Local Authority Revenue Expenditure and Financing: England, Budget	National Statistics	LA Revenue Accounts Budgets (RA)
Local Authority Revenue Expenditure and Financing: England, Provisional Outturn	National Statistics	LA Revenue Summary (RS)
Local Authority Revenue Expenditure and Financing: England, Final Outturn	National Statistics	LA Revenue Outturn (RO)
Local Government Financial Statistics (LGFS)	National Statistics	All – summary publication
Collection Rates for Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates: England	National Statistics	LA Quarterly Return of Council Taxes and Non-Domestic Rates (QRC4)
Levels of Council Tax set by Local Authorities: England	National Statistics	LA Council Tax Return (CTR)
Capital Payments and Receipts (Live Tables)	Official Statistics	LA Capital Payments and Receipts (CPR1,2,3,&4)
Local Government Fire Fighters' Pension Scheme – Income and Expenditure	Official Statistics	FPS Return
Local Government Fire Fighters' Pension Scheme – Membership data	Official Statistics	FPS Return
Parishes and Charter Trustees, Council Tax Levels	Official Statistics	LA Council Tax Requirement (CTR)
Local Authority Borrowing and Investments	Official Statistics	MB – Monthly Borrowing and Lending Inquiry QB – Quarterly Borrowing and Lending Inquiry
Quarterly Revenue Outturn for Local Authorities	Official Statistics	QRO Return 1-3
Local Government Pension Scheme Funds: England / Wales	Official Statistics	Local Government Pension Scheme Funds (SF3) form
National Non-Domestic Rates to be Collected: England	Official Statistics	LA National Non-domestic rates return (NNDR1)
National Non-Domestic Rates Collected: England	Official Statistics	LA National Non-domestic rates return (NNDR3)
National Non-Domestic Rates collected by Local Authorities – Receipts (Live Table)	Official Statistics	LA QRC 1-3
Local Authority Council Taxbase: England	Official Statistics	Council Tax Base (CTB)
Receipts – Council Tax (Live Table)	Official Statistics	QRC 1-3

*Official statistics which are judged to be fully compliant with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics are designated as ‘National Statistics’, and carry the equivalent Logo.

Users and their Uses

The products listed above are exploited by a wide range of users in a variety of ways:

User	Uses
Ministers and officials in the Department for Communities and Local Government	The data are used to inform policy decisions relating to local government finance issues such as grant allocations and council tax principles, and to support administrative functions such as running the business rates retention scheme and allocating local government funding.
HM Treasury and Office for Budget Responsibility	Monitoring and forecasting of public expenditure
Office for National Statistics	Compilation of the National Accounts
Other Government Departments	Many government departments use LGF statistics to monitor expenditure, such as DEFRA (waste collection and disposal), DH (adult social care) and DfE (schools).
Local Government	Benchmarking and cross-comparison of Local Authority income and expenditure
Business and the commercial sector	This sector uses the data to evaluate Local Authority expenditure patterns and to spot business opportunities
Academia / media	Research and analysis for publication
The general public	Monitoring and comparing Local Authority priorities and performance

Main Channels for User Engagement

Public Consultations – A public consultation was launched in August 2014 inviting views on proposed changes to our Local Government Finance statistical collections.

CLIP-Finance - CLIP-Finance meetings involve representatives from central government, local government and other interested parties such as CIPFA. Some of the decisions taken at these meetings relate to LGF releases and form changes, and are recorded in the minutes. Minutes from these meetings are published on the CLIP website¹.

Publications – Each statistical release encourages user feedback, provides a telephone number and email address for media and public enquiries, and gives links to the DCLG website, user engagement strategy, associated statistics, and the UKSA site.

¹<http://clip.local.gov.uk/lgv/core/page.do?pagelid=31626>