

**REPORT TO:** Policy & Performance Review Committee

**MEETING DATE:** 15/03/2015

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Partnership and Services for

Communities)

**SUBJECT:** Local Government Benchmarking Framework

### 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To provide the PPRC with an overview of the Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) results for 2014/15

1.2 To inform PPRC of current and forthcoming benchmarking exercises

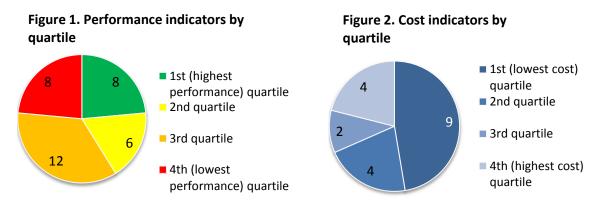
#### 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee is asked to use the information provided in this report to consider whether any aspect of the Council's performance is in need of improvement or further investigation

#### 3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Local Government Benchmarking Framework includes 53 performance indicators. 34 of these indicators relate to the performance of services in delivering outputs and outcomes; the remaining 19 indicators relate to the cost of delivering the service. The results provide a comparison between East Lothian and every council in Scotland.
- 3.2 East Lothian Council's performance was mixed during 2014/15 when ranking each performance indicator from 1 (highest performance) to 32 (lowest performance). The results of 8 indicators for East Lothian fell within the highest performing quartile of councils, while 8 results were among the lowest performing quartile (see Figure 1). Performance has worsened in comparison with 2013/14, when 14 indicators fell within the highest performing quartile and 5 within the lowest performing quartile. The difference is largely attributable to fewer satisfaction measures falling within the top quartile and the comparative worsening of the results relating to sickness absence, positive school leaver destinations and the condition of A class roads.

3.3 9 of East Lothian's cost indicators fall within the lowest cost quartile in comparison to other Scottish councils, while 4 indicators fall within the highest cost quartile (see Figure 2). Some of the cost indicators demonstrate significant levels of variation, which is mainly due to changes in accounting practices, e.g. the re-categorisation of costs under different areas of the Local Financial Return. Significant changes to the cost indicators are explained in the comments provided against each indicator in Appendix 2.



3.4 Appendix 2 provides the result for each of the indicators. Appendix 2 displays the trend over the past four years, the Scottish average, explanatory comments and any planned improvement actions for each indicator.

#### **Highlights**

- 3.5 Satisfaction with services (C&L5d, ENV7a, ENV7b) citizens in East Lothian generally have a high level of satisfaction with Council services. However, some of the satisfaction results have fallen in comparison to previous years, although this appears to be at least in part due to methodological factors with the Scottish Household Survey from which the data is derived.
- 3.6 % of Council Tax collected (CORP7) East Lothian collected 96.6% of the Council Tax due, compared to the Scottish average of 95.5%
- 3.7 Percentage of C class and Unclassified roads requiring maintenance (ENV4d, ENV4e) the results for both of these categories of road are significantly below the national average.
- 3.8 Average time to attend domestic noise complaints (CORP5b2) response times in East Lothian (30 minutes) are far lower than the national average of almost 59 hours.
- 3.9 Proportion of internal floor area of operational buildings in satisfactory condition (CORP ASSET 2) 96% of floor area is classified as being in satisfactory condition compared with the Scottish average of 82.9%.

#### Areas for further investigation

- 3.10 Sickness absence (CORP6a, CORP6b) during 13/14 performance against this indicator fell within the top quartile; however, it has subsequently worsened. The Framework now divides the result into absence for teachers and absence for non-teaching staff, whereas it had previously only reported an overall result. East Lothian's level of absence increased for both categories, although the level of increase for teachers was particularly marked.
- 3.11 Rent arrears (HSN1b) the level of arrears continues to be among the highest in Scotland. However, a number of initiatives have been established that have helped to reduce the level of arrears while the Scottish average has started to increase.
- 3.12 Scottish Housing Quality Standard (HSN3) 81.6% of Council houses in East Lothian meet the Standard in comparison to the Scottish average of 90.4%.
- 3.13 Average length of time taken to complete non-emergency repairs (HSN4b) East Lothian Council takes an average of 14.8 days to undertake a non-emergency repair compared to a Scottish average of 9.9 days. Performance against this measure improved from 17 days during 13/14.
- 3.14 Proportion of school leavers entering positive destinations (CHN11) 91.9% of East Lothian school leavers entered positive destinations compared with the national average of 92.9%
- 3.15 Street cleanliness score (ENV3c) the result for this indicator worsened, although it should be noted that the methodology used to calculate the indicator changed in 2014/15. The indicator was previously based upon 7 audits to determine the cleanliness of streets; this subsequently changed to 2 audits, which may lead to a greater degree of fluctuation in the results.
- 3.16 Percentage of A class roads requiring maintenance (ENV4b) 31.7% of A class roads in East Lothian required maintenance in comparison to the Scottish average of 29%
- 3.17 % Unemployed People Assisted into work from Council operated / funded Employability Programmes (ECON 1) 8.7% of clients were assisted into work in East Lothian compared to the Scottish average of 14.2%. The recording of data regarding employability programmes is set improve with the introduction of the Caselink management information system.

#### **Benchmarking exercises**

3.18 Appendix 2 provides an overview of current and forthcoming benchmarking exercises. East Lothian is a member of a 'family group' of councils that have similar geographical or social and demographic characteristics. Each family group includes eight local authorities. Eight benchmarking exercises are currently underway for East Lothian's family group.

3.19 The Improvement Service has offered further support to assist with benchmarking. The Council is particularly interested in conducting more detailed analysis of the indicators highlighted above to better understand the underlying factors.

#### 4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Local Government Benchmarking Framework represents an important component of East Lothian Council's performance management arrangements and the drive to deliver Continuous Improvement.

#### 5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

#### 6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial there are no financial implications in regard to additional resources. However, the Local Financial Return needs to be reviewed to ensure that the cost data the Council provides for use in the LGBF is comparable to that provided by other local authorities.
- 6.2 Personnel none.
- 6.3 Other none.

#### 7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Appendix 1: Overview of benchmarking exercises
- 7.2 Appendix 2: Local Government Benchmarking Framework results 2014/15
- 7.3 National Benchmarking Overview Report 2014/15 (<a href="http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/benchmarking/documents/2016">http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/benchmarking/documents/2016</a> Over <a href="http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/benchmarking/documents/2016">http://www.improvements/2016</a> Over <a href="http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/benchmarking/documents/2016">http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/benchmarking/documents/2016</a> Over <a href="http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/benchmarking/documents/2016">http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/benchmarking/documents/2016</a> Over <a href="http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/benchmarking/documents/2016">http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/benchmarking/documents/2016</a> Over <a href="http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/benchmarking/documents/2016">http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/benchmarking/documents/2016</a> Over <a href="http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/benchmarking/documents/2016">http://www.improvem

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# **Appendix 1: Overview of benchmarking exercises**

Programme of benchmarking exercises:

March 2015 March 2014 August 2014 Phase 4 Phase 5 Council Tax (LGBF) Sport & Leisure (LGBF) **Economic Development** Parks & Open Spaces Roads (LGBF) (LGBF) (LGBF) Waste (LGBF) Museums (LGBF) Positive School Leaver Libraries (LGBF) Trading Standards & Destinations (LGBF) Street Cleaning (LGBF) Looked After Children **Environmental Health** Support Services (LGBF) (LGBF) Equalities (LGBF) (LGBF) HR (LGBF) **Democratic Services** (LGBF) Invoicing (LGBF)

# **Current benchmarking exercises:**

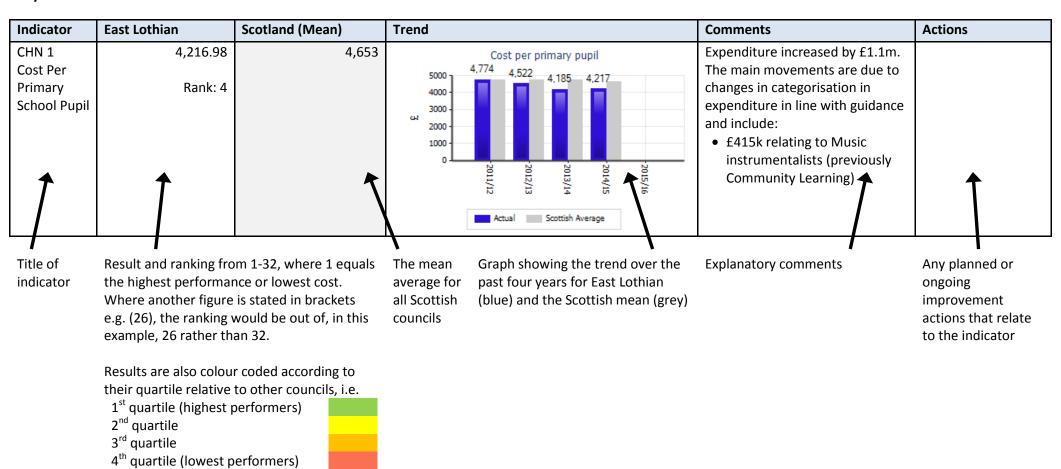
Subject	Comments
Council Tax	The group has met three times. Current areas of benchmarking activity include Council Tax collection by Valuation Band and Council Tax reduction caseload.
Waste	This exercise has started; however, the Council is not participating due to workload commitments.
Looked After Children	The group has met once. Initial areas for discussion included early intervention, permanency planning, foster care provision and positive school leaver destinations.
Equalities	The Equalities group is planning to focus upon Equality Impact Assessments.
HR	The group has met four times. Current areas of benchmarking activity relate to sickness absence and methods for improving absence levels.
Museums	The group has met three times. Areas under investigation include the use of volunteers, access to services, and partnership working.
Sport	The group has met three times. Issues under investigation include improving access to services by specific target groups, improving participation and uptake for Active Schools, and, the use of a Hub model.
Street Cleaning	The group has agreed to focus upon more efficient ways of delivering street cleaning services.

Appendix 2: Local Government Benchmarking Framework results 2014/15

The cost indicators are not colour coded as a high or low cost is not unequivocally better or

worse.

#### Key:



The Council's performance web pages provide further analysis of each of the LGBF indicators, including a breakdown of performance in comparison to other members of East Lothian's family group of similar councils: <a href="http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/200453/performance\_reporting">http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/200453/performance\_reporting</a>

# **Education**

Indicator	East Lothian	Scotland (Mean)	Trend	Comments	Actions
CHN 1 Cost Per Primary School Pupil	4,216.98 Rank: 4	4,653	Cost per primary pupil 4,774 4,522 4,185 4,217 4000 3000 2000 1000 0 Actual Scottish Average	Expenditure increased by £1.1m. The main movements are due to changes in categorisation in expenditure in line with guidance and include:  • £415k relating to Music instrumentalists (previously Community Learning)  • £300k relating to increased school roll (8 more classes in 2014/15)  • £300k – increase in salary costs due to 1% pay award in 14/15	
CHN 2 Cost per Secondary School Pupil	6,193.43 Rank: 6	6,593	Secondary education gross expenditure per pupil  8000 6,035 6,161 5,869 6,193 2000 2000 2011/12 13 14 15	<ul> <li>Expenditure increased by £968k. The main movements are due to:         <ul> <li>£289k – re-categorisation of expenditure relating to Music Instrumentalists per Primary above</li> <li>£300k – relating to pay awards and increments</li> <li>£286k increase in transport costs – which had been miscoded all to primary in 2013/14</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
CHN 3 Cost per Pre-School Education Registration	3,231.49 Rank: 16	3,306	Cost per Pre-School Place 3,011 2,664 2,800 2500 2000 1500 1000 500 0 2011/12 2013/14 15	Expenditure increased by £428k due to the new provision to increase nursery hours, which was in place from August 2014.	

Indicator	East	Scotland	Trend	Comments	Actions
CHN 5 % of Pupils Gaining 5+ Awards at Level 6	29.3 Rank: 13	(Mean) 29.29	% of Pupils Gaining 5+ Awards at Level 6 for Higher Grade by S6 (Pre-Appeal) 28 28.9 29.7 29.2  8 15 10 5 10 5 10 5 10 5 10 5 10 5 10 5		Funding is being devolved to the Local Area Partnerships to spend on local initiatives to help improve attainment.
CHN 7 % Pupils from Deprived Areas Gaining 5+ Awards at Level 6 (SIMD)	N/A	12.75	Pupils in 20% most deprived areas getting %+ awards level 6  20 15.6 9.4 9.8 9.8 2012/13/14 15/16	There were too few pupils living in East Lothian from the most deprived 20% of Scotland for a figure to be provided for this measure.	The attainment measures used within the Framework are being reviewed to include measures that are part of the National Improvement Framework.
CHN 10 % of Adults Satisfied with Local Schools	82.0 Rank: 19	79.0	% of adults satisfied with local schools  91  89  80  40  2012/13  81  82  2013/14	The Citizen's Panel also asked how satisfied citizens are with primary and secondary schools. The Summer 2015 survey found that 90.9% were very / fairly satisfied with primary schools and 87.7% were very / fairly satisfied with secondary schools. These results are based on 330 responses, which is larger than the Scottish Household Survey for East Lothian.	

Indicator	East	Scotland	Trend	Comments	Actions
	Lothian	(Mean)			
CHN 11	91.9	92.9	Proportion of pupils entering positive destinations		East Lothian Works
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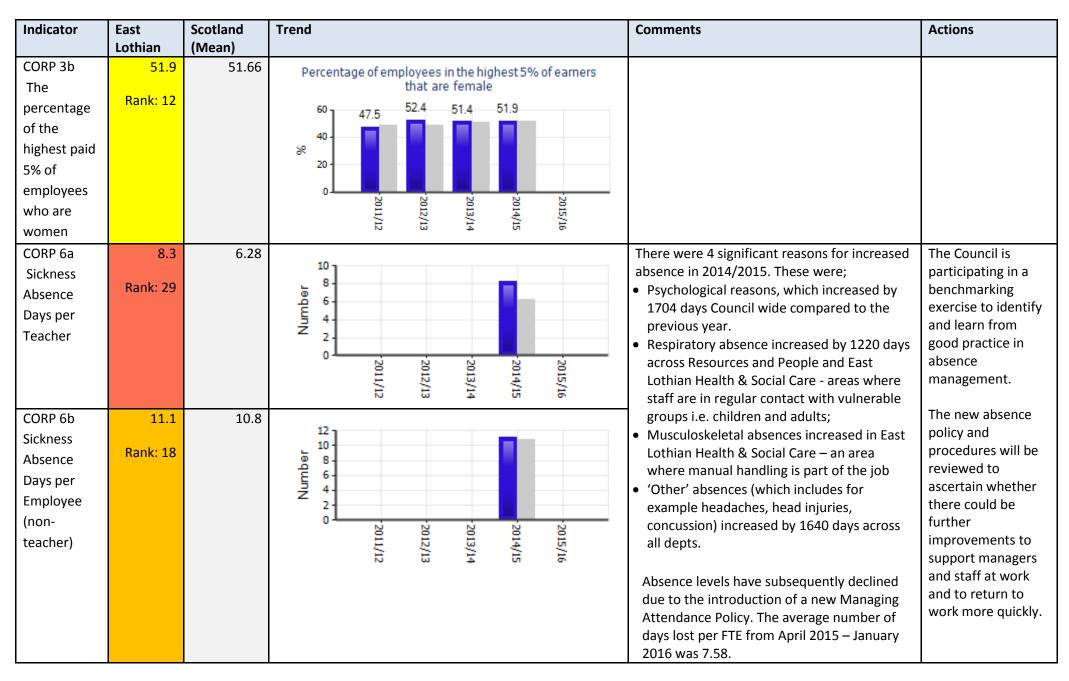
# **Children's Wellbeing**

Indicator East	Scotland	Trend	Comments	Actions
The Gross Cost of "Children Looked After" in Residential Based Services per Child per week  CHN 8b The Gross	3.08 3,098 nk: 9 (2013/14) 6/14) 0.91 265 k: 24 (2013/14)	Weekly Gross Costs per 'Looked After' Child in the Community	* Note: these results are for 2013/14 rather than 2014/15  East Lothian has a low percentage of Home Supervision which is a fixed cost. More children on Home Supervision, i.e. statutory measures, would lower the unit cost Our practice is to work with families on a voluntary basis whenever possible i.e. early intervention.  East Lothian also has 53 Informal Kin Care young people counted in the cost reported but not in denominator (i.e. as being a Child Looked After in the community).  East Lothian has 9.6 Looked After Children per 1,000 children compared with the national average of 15.1. If East Lothian was an "average authority", we would have an extra	The Council is participating in a benchmarking exercise to identify and learn from good practice. The exercise will focus upon early intervention, capacity for residential provision, permanency planning, emergency admissions, foster care provision and positive destinations.
Child per Week  CHN 9  Balance of Care for looked after children: % of children being looked after in the	88.0 91 k: 19 (2013/14)	Percentage of Looked After Children cared for in the Community	116 children and young people Looked After which would equate to an additional c£1.7 m per year, along with all the statutory processes/workload associated. The 53 informal kin care placements make us look like we have higher spending but is a key early intervention / capacity building prevention of escalation to Looked After status/volumes and costs.	East Lothian Partnership is developing a new Children & Young People's Services Plan.

# **Corporate Services**

Indicator	East Lothian	Scotland (Mean)	Trend	Comments	Actions
CORP 1 Support services as a % of Total Gross expenditure	3.9 Rank: 7	5.07	Central Support services as a % of Total Gross expend  4.2 4.1 3.9 2011/12 2012/13		
CORP 2 Cost of Democratic Core per 1,000 population	18,069.57 Rank: 2	30,688	Democratic Core Costs per 1,000 Population 37,578 20000 22,479 20,916 18,070 10000 2011/12 21,479 20,916 18,070		

Indicator	East Lothian	Scotland (Mean)	Trend	Comments	Actions
CORP 7 Percentage of income due from Council Tax received by the end of the year	96.63 Rank: 7	95.46	Percentage of Council Tax collected (annually) 95.8 96.5 96.4 96.6 80 40 20 2011/12 2013/14		The Council is participating in a benchmarking exercise to identify good practice in Council Tax collection
CORP 8 Percentage of invoices sampled that were paid within 30 days	89.39 Rank: 24	92.52	Percentage of all invoices paid within 30 days  89.1 86.5 91.7 89.4  80.4 20 2011/12  2011/13		



# **Adult Wellbeing**

Indicator	East Lothian	Scotland (Mean)	Trend	Comments	Actions
SW 1 Older Persons (Over 65) Home Care Costs per Hour	14.25 Rank: 5	20.01	Home Care Costs per Hr (65 and over)  25 20 14.9 9.7 13.0 14.3 9.7 2011/12 13.1 14.3 14.3 15.6		
SW 2 SDS spend on adults over 18 as a % of total social work spend on adults over 18	3.65 Rank: 11	6.86	Self Directed Supportspend on adults 18+ as a % of total social work spend on adults 18+  8 4.4 2.9 4.1 3.7 2.9 4.1 3.7 2.9 4.1 3.7 2.9 4.1 3.7 2.9 4.1 3.7	The Median position for this indicator among Scotland's councils is 2.7%; however, the Mean is 6.86%, which is largely due to Glasgow (the largest council area) recording a figure of 32.3% for this indicator.	
SW 3 % of people over 65 with intensive needs receiving care at home	39.6 Rank: 13	35.6	% of people 65+ with intensive needs receiving care at home 38.4 39.4 39.7 39.6 % 20 10 2012/13 14/15		

Indicator	East Lothian	Scotland (Mean)	Trend	Comments	Actions
SW 4 % of Adults satisfied with social care or social work services	56.0 Rank: 13	51	% of adults satisfied with social care or social work services 78 56 56 2011/12 133/14 155 16	The Citizen's Panel also asked how satisfied citizens are with social care and social work services. The Summer 2015 survey found that 72.9% were very / fairly satisfied. This result is based on 321 responses, which is larger than the Scottish Household Survey for East Lothian.	
SW 5 Residential Care Costs per adult per week	432.66 Rank: 27	372.07	Residential care costs per adult per week  546.5  409.7  410.1  432.7  2011/12  2011/13		

# **Cultural and community services (i.e. Sport, Countryside & Leisure / Community Partnerships / Customer Services)**

Indicator	East	Scotland	Trend	Comments	Actions
	Lothian	(Mean)			
C&L 1 Cost per attendance at Sports facilities	4.35 Rank: 20	3.68	Gross cost per attendance at Sports facilities  4.84 4.56 4.15 4.34 2011/12 2012/13 4.456 4.15 4.34 4.56 4.15 4.56 4.15 4.56 4.15 4.56 4.56 4.56 4.56 4.56 4.56 4.56 4.5		The Council is participating in a benchmarking exercise to identify and learn from good practice in relation to income generation and increasing participation in sport.
C&L 2 Cost Per Library Visit	2.09 Rank: 6	2.57	Cost Per Library Visit  4.52  2.44  2.48  2.09  2011/12  2015/16	The figures for the previous year included severance payments of £230k, which is no longer reflected. The mobile library service has also been withdrawn	
C&L 3 Cost of Museums per Visit	1.55 Rank: 4	3.53	Cost per museum visit  2.98 2.74 1.55 1.00 2.011/12 2.012/13 2.74 2.74 2.74 2.74 2.74 2.74 2.74 2.74	The definition of museum visits includes 'virtual visits' (i.e. visits to websites relating to museum collections). The museums service has established a new Flickr site, thus increasing the number of virtual visits considerably.	The Council is participating in a benchmarking exercise to identify and learn from good practice in relation to museums.

Indicator	East Lothian	Scotland (Mean)	Trend	Comments	Actions
C&L 4 Cost of Parks & Open Spaces per 1,000 Population	41,420.87 Rank: 27	31,340	Cost of Parks& Open Spaces per 1,000 Populations 58,725 56,440 52,486 40000 20000 2011/12 13 144 15 16	Expenditure reduced by £1.09m. This was due to a change in how expenditure was categorised relating to Community Partnership Grants – which has now been categorised under Economic Development. In 13/14 Partnership grants had been split between Sports, Culture and the largest proportion in Community - which in 13/14 equated to around £1.344m.	
C&L 5a % of adults satisfied with libraries	78.0 Rank: 20	77	% of adults satisfied with libraries  94 90 78 40 20 2011/12 131 141 155	The result is based upon the Scottish Household Survey. There appears to be a significant shift from people responding they are 'fairly / very satisfied' to 'neither satisfied nor dissatisfied'.  87.7% of respondents to the Summer 2015 Citizen's Panel were very / fairly satisfied with libraries.	
C&L 5b % of adults satisfied with parks and open spaces	85.0 Rank: 21	86	% of adults satisfied with parks and open spaces 96 93 85 60 20 2011/12 8 40 20 2011/12	The Council has recently conducted a Resident's Review exercise to involve local people indentifying how the service could be improved.	The Resident's Review generated a number of actions that the service has agreed to take forward, including the development of a Parks Strategy.

Indicator	East Lothian	Scotland (Mean)	Trend	Comments	Actions
C&L 5c % of adults satisfied with museums and galleries	67.0 Rank: 22	75	% of adults satisfied with museums and galleries  88 87 67 67 2013/14 15	Although the trend indicates a decline in satisfaction for both measures, the actual number of respondents agreeing they are 'fairly / very satisfied' stayed the same in regard to museums and increased in relation to leisure facilities.  The indicator is calculated excluding respondents that answered 'no opinion', but including those that answer 'neither satisfied	
C&L 5d % of adults satisfied with leisure facilities	86.0 Rank 7	76	% of adults satisfied with leisure facilities  93 88 86 60 80 40	nor dissatisfied'. It appears that there has been a shift from 'no opinion' into the 'neither' category compared to previous years, which has led to a lower proportion of 'fairly / very satisfied' responses.	
			2015/16 2014/15 2013/14 2012/13	The proportion of respondents in each category for Scotland as a whole has remained relatively consistent, which indicates that there is a specific issue with the results for East Lothian. It may be that more people genuinely have an opinion that may not have done so previously. This could be the result of, for example, new facilities being provided. However, it may also be the result of the methodology or conduct of the survey (e.g. field work for the survey being conducted differently than in the past).	
				87.7% of respondents to the Summer 2015 Citizen's Panel were very / fairly satisfied with museums and galleries. 90.9% were satisfied with swimming pools, sports and leisure facilities.	

# Waste (Waste / Amenity Services)

Indicator	East	Scotland	Trend	Comments	Actions
	Lothian	(Mean)			
ENV 1a Net cost of Waste collection per premises	76.32 Rank: 25	65.17	Net cost per premise for refuse collection 76.32  70.68  70.68  20  20  20  20  20  20  20  20  20  2		
ENV 2a Net cost per Waste disposal per premises	60.56 Rank: 2	91.46	Net cost per premise for refuse disposal  76.65  56.75  60.55  3  40  20  20  20  21/12  3		
ENV 3a Net cost of street cleaning per 1,000 population	12,748.65 Rank: 12	15,818	Net cost of street cleaning per 1,000 population  20000 15000 13,792 13,009 12,749 2011/12 2013/14 15	The cost has reduced due to significant staff savings and a reduction in recharges from Roads due to vehicle usage.	

Indicator	East Lothian	Scotland (Mean)	Trend	Comments	Actions
ENV 3c Street Cleanliness Score	87.2 Rank: 30	93.9	Cleanliness Score 93.7 93.5 96.3 87.2 80 60 40 20 20 20 101/12 13/14	The methodology for this indicator changed in 2014/15. Previously the score was based upon 7 audits, whereas now it is based upon 2. The results are, therefore, vulnerable to a larger degree of fluctuation. Should the audits be undertaken on refuse collection days in adverse weather, for example, the overall score is likely to suffer.	The Council is participating in a benchmarking exercise to identify and learn from good practice in the prevention of litter and improving the cleanliness of town centres.
ENV 7b % of adults satisfied with street cleaning	86 Rank: 2	74	% of adults satisfied with street cleaning  87 84 86 40 20 2011/12		
ENV 6 The % of total waste arising that is recycled	42.8 Rank: 20	42.8	% of Total Waste arising that is recycled  43.7  45.1  42.3  42.8  20  10  20  11/12  20  11/12  20  13/14	New waste collection services introduced in 2015 will significantly increase the proportion of waste that is recycled. Indications suggest that approx. 58% is currently being recycled.	

Indicator	East Lothian	Scotland (Mean)	Trend	Comments	Actions
ENV 7a % of adults satisfied with refuse collection	95.0 Rank: 1	84	% of adults satisfied with refuse collection 94 92 95 80 40 20 2013/14 92 2013/14 95 2015/16	The Summer 2015 Citizen's Panel asked a similar question regarding satisfaction with waste and recycling collection. 84% responded that they found it to be very good / good while only 2% felt it was very poor / poor. The remaining 14% believed it to be average.	

# Roads

Indicator	East Lothian	Scotland (Mean)	Trend	Comments	Actions
ENV 4a Cost of maintenance per kilometre of roads	12,267.71 Rank: 28	5,618	Cost of Maintenance per Kilometre of Roads  13,163.3 11,911.3 11,632.3 12,267.7 10000 8000 4000 2000 2001 2011/12 2013/14 2015/16	The methodology for calculated this result is currently being investigated to assess whether expenditure from Roads Services is being accounted for twice via the inclusion of expenditure via the Roads DLO.	
ENV 4b Percentage of A class roads that should be considered for maintenance treatment	31.7 Rank: 25	29	East LothianPercentage of A class roads that should be considered for maintenance treatment  35 30 23.0 26.2 28 31.7 31.7 30 25.0 25.0 25.0 26.2 28 31.7 31.7 31.7 31.7 31.7 31.7 31.7 31.7	100% of A roads are measured annually for this indicator.	Identify more practical hierarchical groups and create condition targets to reflect the needs of these road types. Examples of hierarchical groups include bus routes, school routes, cycle routes etc.
ENV 4c Percentage of B class roads that should be considered for maintenance treatment	36.5 Rank: 22	36.1	Percentage of B class roads that should be considered for maintenance treatment  33.3  34.1  36.5  820  10  10  10  10  10  10  10  10  10	50% of B roads are measured annually for this indicator.	

Indicator	East Lothian	Scotland (Mean)	Trend	Comments	Actions
ENV 4d Percentage of C class roads that should be considered for maintenance treatment	30.7 Rank: 8	37.3	Percentage of C class roads that should be considered for maintenance treatment  29.7 28.7 30.7 20.1 20.1 21.1 21.1 21.1 21.1 21.1 21.1	25% of C roads are measured annually for this indicator.	
ENV 4e Percentage of U class roads that should be considered for maintenance treatment	31.3 Rank: 6	39.3	Percentage of unclassified roads that should be considered for maintenance treatment  32.7 33.2 29.6 31.3 20 10 20 10 20 10 20 11/12 21/13	10% of unclassified roads are measured annually for this indicator.	

# **Protective Services (Trading Standards / Environmental Health)**

Indicator	East Lothian	Scotland (Mean)	Trend	Comments	Actions
ENV 5a Cost of trading standards per 1,000 population	4879.96 Rank: 12	5,736	Cost of trading standards per 1,000 population  5,919.7 6,018.2  4,880.0  2000  2011/12  2013/14  5,919.7 6,018.2		
ENV 5b Cost of environmental health per 1,000 population	12,709.46 Rank: 8	17,698	Cost of environmental health per 1,000 population  16,678.2  100000  10000  10000  10000  10000  10000  10000  10000  10000  100	The agreement with Midlothian to share the service manager position led to a reduction in costs.	
CORP 5b2 Average time (hours) between time of noise complaint and attendance on site, for those requiring attendance on site	0.5 Rank: 3	58.9	The average time between the time of domestic noise complaint and attendance on site	The average time to attend domestic noise complaints in East Lothian is 0.5 hours compared to the Scottish average of 58.9 hours.	

# Housing

Indicator	East Lothian	Scotland (Mean)	Trend	Comments	Actions
HSN 1b Gross rent arrears (all tenants) as at 31st March each year as a percentage of rent due for reporting year (SHR31)	9.1 Rank: 22 (26)	5.9	Gross rent arrears (all tenants) as at 31 March each year as a percentage of rent due for the reporting year  9.3  9.1  8  4  2011/12  2013/14	Although still comparatively high, the level of arrears in East Lothian has started to fall due to a number of improvement activities that have been implemented in recent years. During this period the Scottish average has started to rise.  The range of actions undertaken to help address the issue of rent arrears is explained in a report on the subject to the Policy & Performance Committee meeting of the 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2014.	
HSN 2 % of rent due lost through properties being empty during the last year (SHR34)	1.1 Rank: 17 (26)	1.2	Percentage of rent due in the year that was lost due to voids  1.4 1.2 1.0 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0 2011/12 13/14 15/16		
HSN 3 % of stock meeting the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHR7)	81.6 Rank: 24 (26)	90.4	Percentage of dwellings meeting SHQS  76.7 71.4 81.6 60 62.4 62.4 76.7 71.4 81.6 60 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20	The Council is investing £10,150,000 in modernisation work in 15/16. 10.9% of properties have either an exemption or an abeyance. This might be because work cannot be carried out as it is not financially viable to do so or in some cases tenants refuse upgrade work for personal reasons	

Indicator	East Lothian	Scotland (Mean)	Trend	Comments	Actions
HSN 4b Average length of time taken to complete non- emergency repairs (SHR12)	14.8 Rank: 25 (26)	9.9	Average length of time taken to complete non- emergency repairs  22.8  23.8  24.8  25.9  26.8  27.4  26.8  27.4  2		Phase 2 of the mobile working project is being introduced. Working practices are also being modernised with the introduction of a new performance model.
HSN 5 % of properties at or above the appropriate NHER or SAP ratings specified in element 35 of the SHQS, as at 31st March each year (SHR 8)	97.0 Rank: 15 (26)	96.5	Percentage of council dwellings that are energy efficient  94.6  97.0  88.1  94.6  97.0  2012/13  94.6  97.0		

#### **Assets**

Indicator	East Lothian	Scotland (Mean)	Trend	Comments	Actions
CORP_ASSET 1 Proportion of operational buildings that are suitable for their current use	84.8 Rank: 14	79	Proportion of operational accommodation that is suitable for its current use  83.3 83.8 84.8 84.8 84.8 84.8 84.8 84.		
CORP_ASSET 2 Proportion of internal floor area of operational buildings in satisfactory condition	96.0 Rank: 6	82.9	Proportion of operational accommodation that is in a satisfactory condition 96.5 96.1 96.0 96.0  80  40  20  20  20  20  21  21  21  21  21  2		

# **Economic Development**

Indicator	East Lothian	Scotland (Mean)	Trend	Comments	Actions
ECON 1 % unemployed people assisted into work from Council operated / funded Employability Programmes	8.7 Rank: 24 (30)	14.2	% Unemployed People Assisted into work from Council operated / funded Employability Programmes (LGBF)		New Management Information System (Caselink) to be implemented to improve the recording of information