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Chief Executive, By email

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Dear Chief Executive,

Launch of the Local Government Outcomes Framework

Today, the Deputy Prime Minister announced a further step in resetting how we work together across local and national government, by launching the Local Government Outcomes Framework (LGOF), our new approach to outcome-based accountability, and a key counterpart to reforms to simplify and consolidate local government funding streams.

The Framework sets 15 outcomes for this Spending Review period on which we want to work with you to deliver key national priorities, ranging from preventing homelessness and rough sleeping to community safety and satisfaction. The outcomes are underpinned by metrics to measure progress, which draw on existing data sources to avoid new reporting burdens.

This approach is designed to support a move away from hundreds of ringfenced grants to instead focus on a small number of tangible improvements for people and communities. Central government will still take a key interest in outcome delivery and intervene where necessary and MHCLG will work with other government departments to make sure that support and challenge in response to the Framework works. Framework data will also feed into Government's assessment of whether the Best Value Duty is being met.

Over the Summer, we would like to hear your views to help us develop the Framework before it is finalised in the Autumn, to inform planning for the 2026/27 financial year.

A draft of the framework and a feedback document is available here https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-government-outcomes-framework-call-for-feedback You and your officers have two ways to provide feedback: in writing via our online form or via email, and verbally through drop-in sessions:

- Written feedback: Please provide feedback via this online form
 https://forms.office.com/e/zcEizHU1CE by midnight 12 September 2025. If you would prefer to email, please address your email to;
 LocalGovOutcomesFramework@communities.gov.uk.
- Verbal feedback through webinars in July, August and September 2025 details in the Annex below.

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The Local Government Minister has separately written to Council leaders.

Chief Executives of Mayoral Strategic Authorities, as well as a range of representative bodies have also been notified.

I look forward to continuing our collaboration over the summer and in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex: list of webinars

Councils, public organisations and interested parties are welcome to sign up to LGOF webinars. Priority will be given to local authority attendees but we will accommodate as many participants as possible. To participate, please register here https://forms.office.com/e/tNGVGcV096 or email LocalGovOutcomesFramework@communities.gov.uk at least three working days before the webinar.

We welcome as many people to attend as possible, particularly those with expertise in the relevant service area.

Session date and time	Topic
23/07/25 15:00-16:30	LGOF overview and use
25/07/25 14:00-15:30	Keeping children safe
28/07/25 11:00-13:00	Adult social care
31/07/25 10:00-11:30	Housing
01/08/25 14:00-15:30	Multiple disadvantage
06/08/25 15:00-16:30	Best start in life
08/08/25 11:30-13:00	Every child achieving and thriving
11/08/25 11:30-13:00	Health and wellbeing
14/08/25 10:00-11:30	Homelessness and rough sleeping
20/08/25 15:00-16:30	Transport and local infrastructure
28/08/25 10:00-11:30	Child poverty (contextual outcome)
03/09/25 15:00-16:30	Environment, circular economy and climate change
05/09/25 10:00-11:30	Neighbourhoods
08/09/25 14:00-15:30	Economic prosperity and regeneration (contextual outcome)
11/09/25 10:00-11:30	LGOF overview and use recap, and wrap-up