

Presentation

Councillors' Forum

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Hybrid Meeting - 18 Smith Square and Online

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LG Inform and the Data Programme

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Background

- Data programme:
 - Started in 2019
 - Help sector make better use of data
 - For councillors and officers
- LG Inform:
 - Launched in 2011
 - Help sector have easy access to benchmarked data
 - For councillors and officers, and the public

- A new, independent data unit within DLUHC
- Part of the new focus on assurance and performance management of councils by central government
- Expected launch this month
- Initial focus will be on a set of metrics across four services about council and combined authority performance:
 - waste, adult social care, skills and finance

Data Programme

- Skills for analysts: network and training
- Managing data for service transformation
- Data maturity self-assessment tool (July)
- Performance management resources
 - Good practice guide for officers
 - Performance management panels
 - Good practice guide for councillors
 - E-learning module on good practice
 - Training on understanding performance data

- Data benchmarking tool for councils
- More than 11,000 data items:
 - performance, outcome, financial, demographic and contextual data
- Designed with authorities
- Always up to date
- Data in easy to access charts and reports
- Available to the public
- Releases councils from hunting for key data

Demonstration of LG Inform

The screenshot shows the LG Inform website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Help, About, Sign in, Register, and Associated websites. The main header features the LG Inform logo and the tagline "Improving services through information". A search bar is present with the text "Search all data and reports". Below the header is a secondary navigation bar with links for Home, Explore data, Themed reports, Report builder, Benchmarking clubs, and Online training. The main content area displays a dashboard overview for "Southwark compared to All London Boroughs (excl City) Quantiles dashboard". A pie chart shows the following data:

Category	Percentage
Area insight	23%
Review performance	38%
Compare areas	31%
Scrutiny	8%

Below the pie chart, there is a list of features: Area insight, Review performance, Compare areas, and Scrutiny. A call to action at the bottom of the dashboard area reads: "Council officer, councillor or other local authority user? Sign in or Register to access all our features". A search bar at the bottom of the dashboard area is labeled "Search by area or postcode".

Useful LG Inform reports

- LG Inform home page:
<https://lginform.local.gov.uk/>
- LG Inform [themed reports](#) on:
 - [Overall performance](#) (headline)
 - [Planning](#)
 - [Children in Need and Care](#)
 - [Homelessness](#)
 - [Financial hardship and economic vulnerability](#)
 - [Financial indicators](#)

