### LOCAL GOVERNMENT BENCHMARKING FRAMEWORK - 2022/23

### ANALYSIS FOR ELECTED MEMBERS

### 1. Introduction

The Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) brings together a wide range of information about how all Scottish councils perform in delivering services to local communities.

It is a high-level benchmarking tool designed to help senior management teams and elected members ask questions about key council services.

The LGBF reflects a commitment by SOLACE (Scotland) and COSLA to develop better measurement and comparable data in order to help councils improve services, target resources to areas of greatest impact and enhance public accountability. Since 2010-11, the Improvement Service has worked with all Scottish local authorities to report standard information on the services provided. This information takes the form of indicators that measure aspects of performance (for example, how much a service costs per user or how satisfied local people are with a service) across all areas of local government activity.

The framework provides high-level information designed to encourage councils to examine why variations in cost and performance are occurring between similar councils. The framework itself does not supply the answers. That happens as councils engage with each other to 'drill down' and explore why these variations are happening. To understand why variations in cost and performance are occurring, councils work together to 'drill-down' into the benchmarking data across service areas. This process has been organised around 'family groups' of councils so that we are comparing councils that are similar in terms of the type of population that they serve (e.g. relative deprivation and affluence) and the type of area in they cover (e.g. urban, semi-rural, rural). The point of comparing like with like is that this is more likely to lead to useful learning and improvement. Further information on Family Groups can be found at **Appendix 1**.

The <u>National Benchmarking Overview Report 2022-23</u> has been published – this is 12<sup>th</sup> annual LGBF report which introduces data from 2022/23, a period when communities and council services were managing unprecedented financial challenges in the shape of soaring inflationary pressures and the cost of living crisis. The <u>LGBF Dashboard</u> allows you to look at the indicators by Council and Family Groups over the period.

### 2. Our performance

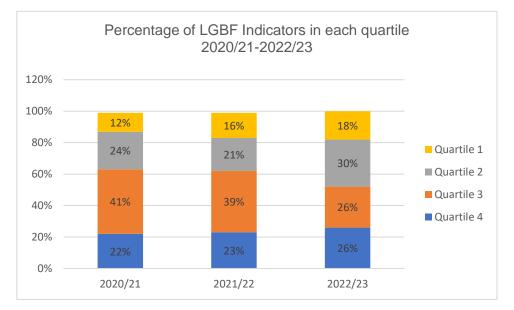
An analysis of our performance has been prepared and discussed at Council Management Team. It is based on the most recent update provided by the Improvement Services and also on emerging trends based on 4 themed areas (1) Workforce pressures; (2) Health and Social Care pressures; (3) Education for Children and Young People; and (4) Poverty. It provides detailed analysis including:

- Graph showing D&G figure alongside the Scotland figure and Family Group average.
- A more detailed look at our family group performance.
- Family Group Quartile ranges and D&G position.

It highlights where performance is not where it needs to be to deliver the strategic outcomes within the Council Plan together with observations and actions that have been identified for the responsible Head of Service. Further engagement with the responsible Head of Service

will be carried out and local context in terms of their actions will form part of a further update to elected members.

The graph below shows the percentage of LGBF indicators in each quartile over a 3 year period (2021/21 to 2022/23) using the data available.



Please note that due to the frequency and the data available not all indicators are included. Details of the indicators are shown in **Appendix 2.** 

The data shows that overall our performance relative to others has improved from 2020/21 to the latest data in 2022/23. We can see that 48% of our indicators are amongst the top 2 performing quartiles compared 36% in 2020/21. We have seen improvement in the following areas:

- Highest paid 5% employees who are women
- Sickness absence days per employee (non-teacher)
- Percentage of invoices paid within 30 days
- Cost of parks & open spaces per 1,000 population
- · Percentage of adults satisfied with parks and open spaces
- Average time per business and industry planning application (weeks)
- Investment in Economic Development & Tourism per 1,000 Population
- Proportion of people earning less than the real living wage
- Total useable reserves as a percentage of council annual budgeted revenue
- Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream General Fund
- Average total tariff SIMD quintile 5
- Percentage of funded early years provision which is graded good/better

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# 2022/23 - Emerging National Trends and Our Performance

#### Workforce Pressures Nationally (Indicator, Scotland figure and Dumfries and Galloway (including Family Group) emerging trends) CORP6a - Sickness Absence Days per Our sickness absence days per teacher has **increased** by Teacher - 6.8 days 0.22 days (3.1%) from 7.06 days to 7.28 days. CORP06a - Sickness Absence Days per Teacher Notwithstanding this, our ranking has **improved** by 4 from 27 to 23. 0.48 days **above** the Scotland figure of 6.8 days. Dumfries & Galloway Samily Group Avg Scotland Ranking 7<sup>th</sup> in our family group and 0.18 days **above** the family group average of 7.1 days. Argyll & Bute 6.21 Aberdeenshire 6.35 Shetland Islands 6.51 Scottish Borders 6.80 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 2022-23 2018-19 Highland 7.02 Orkney Islands 7.20 7.28 Dumfries & Galloway Eilean Siar Family Group Quartile Ranges and Dumfries & Galloway Position for: CORP06a DGC 01 02 03 04 6.5 7.0 7.5 8.0 8.5 ຈ່າ Sickness Absence Days per Teacher Our sickness absence days per non teacher has **increased** CORP6b – Sickness Absence Days per slightly by 0.46 days (4.1%) from 11.3 days to 11.76 days. employee (non-teacher) - 13.2 days Ranking has **improved by 5** from 13.8. 1.4 days **below** the Scotland figure of 13.2 days. CORP06b - Sickness Absence Days per Employee (non-teacher) Ranking 4<sup>th</sup> in our family group and 0.5 days below the family Dumfries & Galloway Family Group Avg Scotland group average of 12.3 days. 14 Highland 9,24 Aberdeenshire 10.38 Scottish Borders 11.66 12 11.76 Dumfries & Galloway Shetland Islands 12.81 10 Orkney Islands 13.80 Argyll & Bute 14.33 2021-22 2016-17 2017 2015 2013 14.40 Eilean Siar Staff absence at an all-time high. Long term absence - role of covid related delayed treatment e.g. increase in absence due to multiple conditions; increase in mental health related illness.

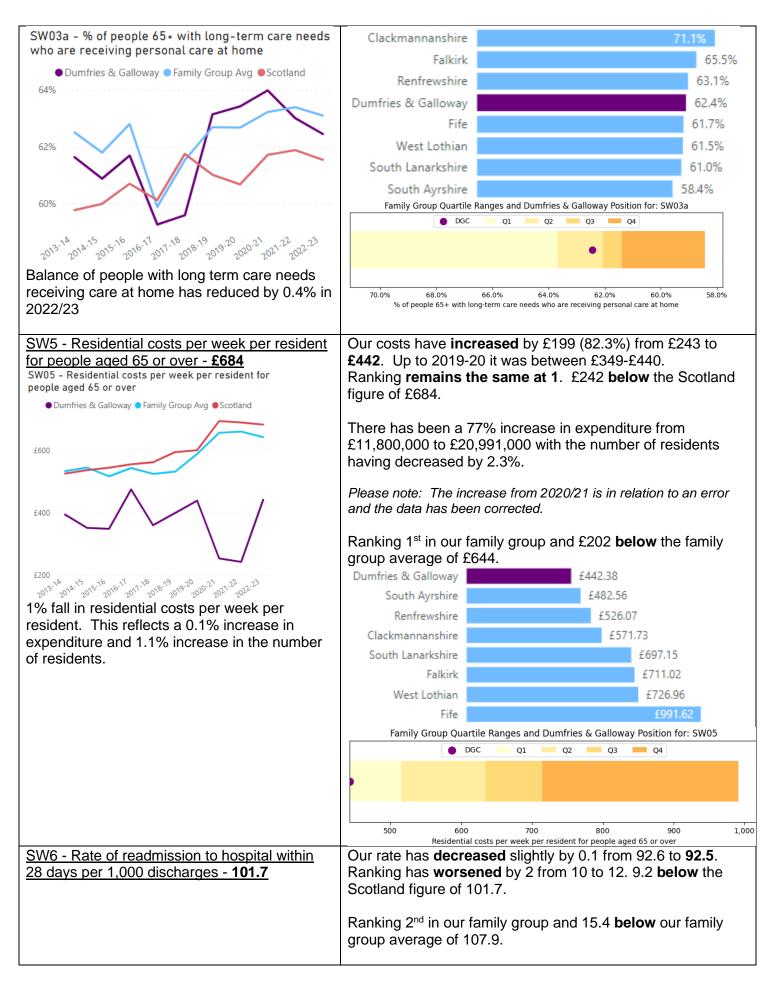
Short term absence – increasing work pressure	Famil	y Group Qu	uartile Rai	nges and	Dumfries	& Gallowa	y Position	for: CORP06b	
due to stretched resources & shift in societal			DGC	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
expectations. Continuing recruitment									
challenges and high turnover (age-related					•				
tipping point; skills shortages and tightening of									
labour market).	10	.0	11.0		12.0		13.0	14.0	
			Sickness /	Absence Da	ays per Emp	loyee (non-t	eacher)		

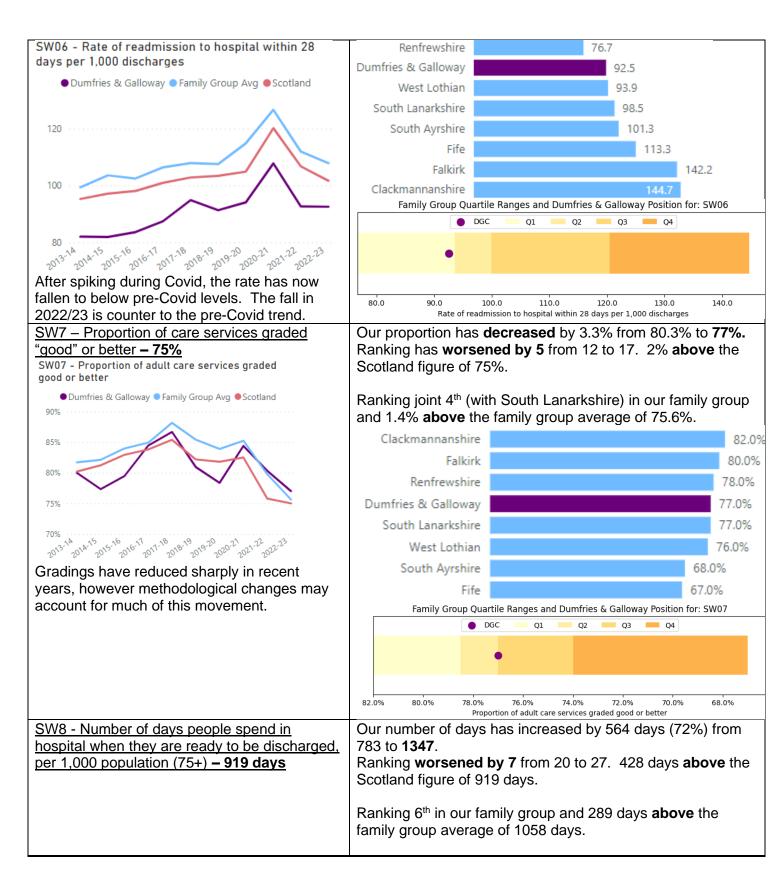
Observations and Action – Responsible Chief Officer - Vlad Valiente, Assistant Director Governance and Human Resources

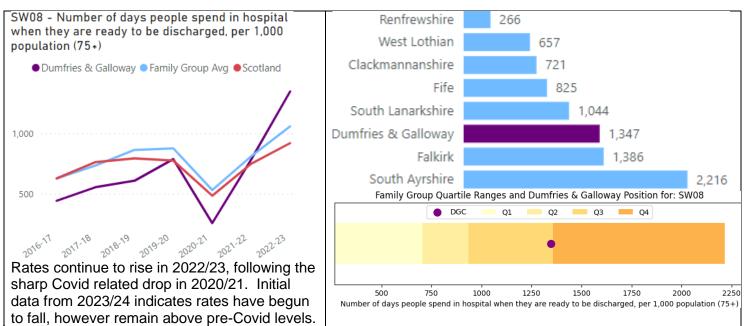
Noting our performance nationally and within our family group are Assistant Directors/Heads of Service confident that enough is being done to manage short term absence in light of the increasing work pressures as highlighted.

### Health and Social Care Pressures

Nationally (Indicator, Scotland figure and emerging trends)	Dumfries and Galloway (including Family Group)
SW1 - Home care costs per hour for people aged 65 or over - £31.85 SW01 - Home care costs per hour for people aged 65 or over • Dumfries & Galloway • Family Group Avg • Scotland	Our costs have <b>increased</b> by £2.80 (11.9%) from £23.39 to <b>£26.19</b> . Ranking has <b>worsened by 5</b> from 6 to 11. £5.66 <b>below</b> the Scotland figure of £31.85.
f30	There has been a decrease in expenditure of 0.7% together with a decrease in care at home hours of 11.3%.
£25	Ranking 3 <sup>rd</sup> in our family group and are £4.17 <b>below</b> the family group average of £30.36. Clackmannanshire £17.95
£20 ·····	West Lothian £24.19 Dumfries & Galloway £26.19
$\bigvee$ $\subseteq$ $\checkmark$	Renfrewshire £28.70
£15 201 <sup>3-1</sup> <sup>4</sup> 201 <sup>4</sup> · <sup>15</sup> 201 <sup>5</sup> · <sup>10</sup> 201 <sup>6</sup> · <sup>17</sup> 201 <sup>1</sup> · <sup>20</sup> 201 <sup>9</sup> · <sup>20</sup> 202 <sup>0</sup> · <sup>20</sup> 20 <sup>2</sup> · <sup></sup>	South Lanarkshire £29.86
2.8% rise in the cost of Care at home per hour. This reflects an increase in expenditure of 0.2% while care at home hours have reduced	South Ayrshire £33.53 Falkirk £39.55 Fife £42.94
by 2.5%	Family Group Quartile Ranges and Dumfries & Galloway Position for: SW01
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	20.00 25.00 30.00 35.00 40.00 Home care costs per hour for people aged 65 or over
SW3a - % of people 65+ with long-term care needs who are receiving personal care at home – 61.5%	Our percentage has <b>decreased</b> by 0.6% from 63% to <b>62.4%</b> . Ranking has <b>improved</b> by 1 from 14 to 13. 0.9% <b>above</b> the Scotland figure of 61.5%.
	Ranking 4 <sup>th</sup> in our family group and are 0.7% <b>below</b> the family group average of 63.1%.







Observations and Action – Responible Chief Officer - Stephen Morgan, Director Social Work Services

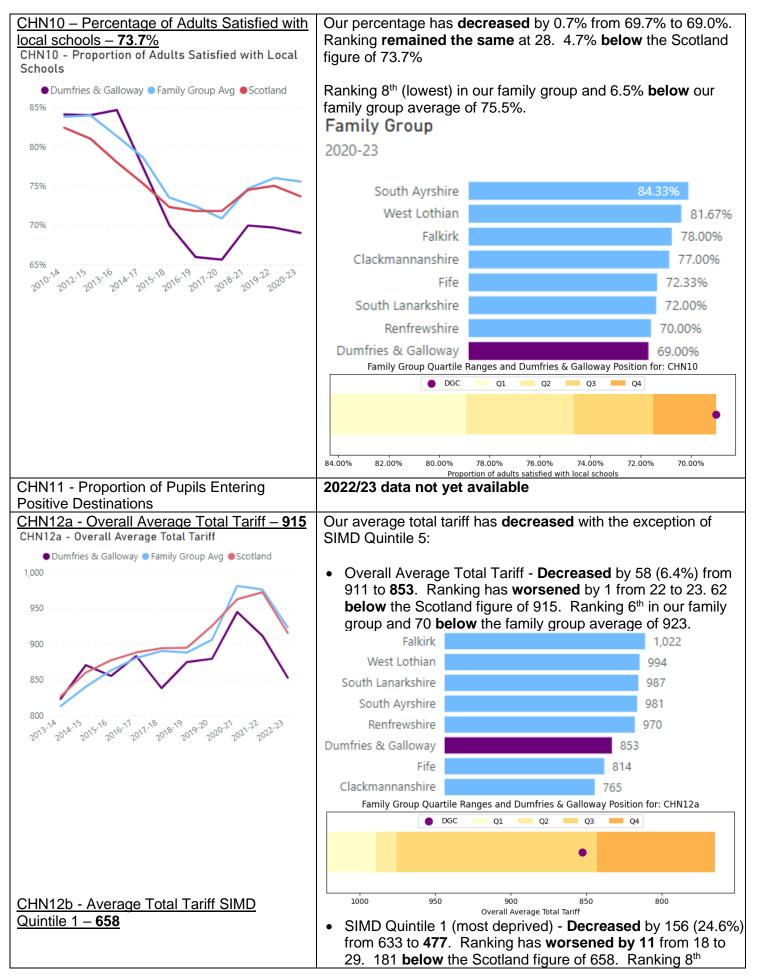
This suite of indicators directly aligns with the Health and Wellbeing theme and strategic outcomes. The indicator below is not in line with the national trend:

• <u>Rate of readmission to hospital within 28 days per 1,000 discharges</u> – our rate has not fallen to below pre-Covid year which was 91.3 and instead of dropping in 2020-21 we increased by 13.7 from 94.1 in 2019-20 to 107.8. From 2021-22 we are beginning to drop however remain slightly above pre-covid levels.

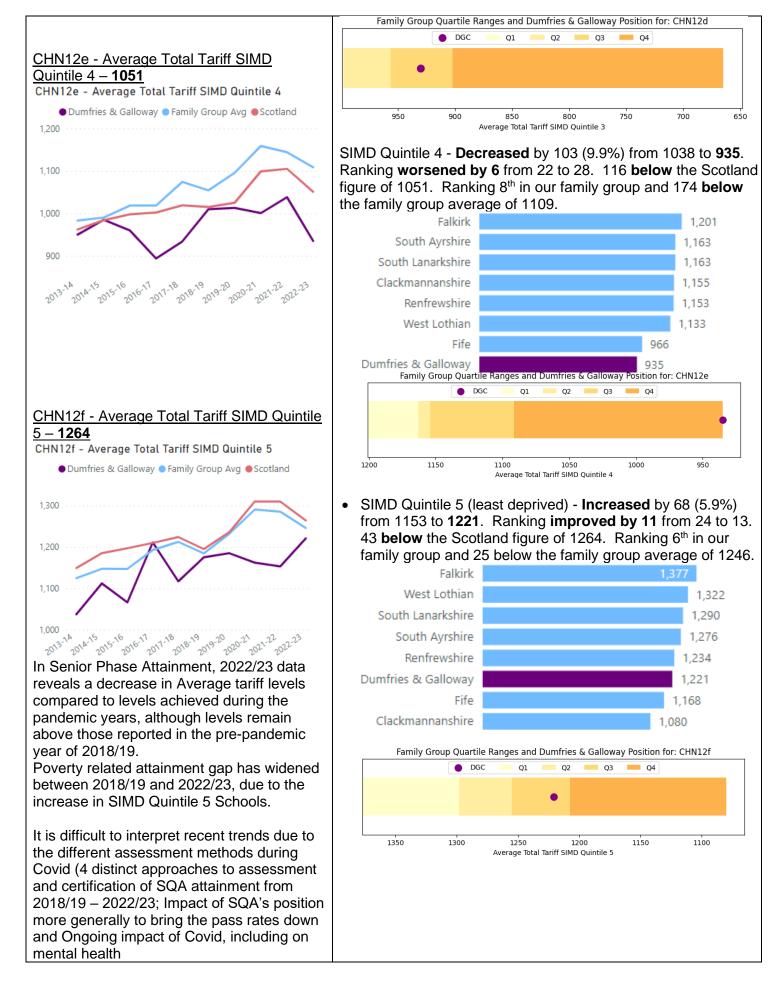
Is the Director Social Work Services confident enough through the joint working with the Health and Social Care Partnership to ensure that this continues to fall.

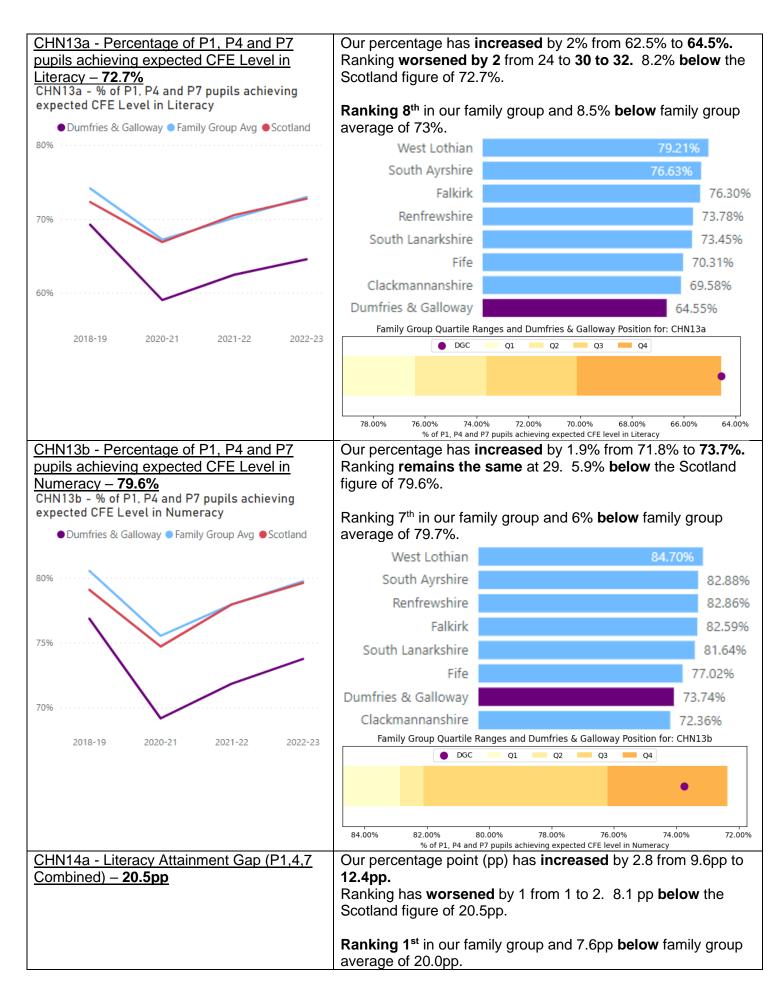
Nationally (Indicator, Scotland figure and emerging trends)	Dumfries and Galloway (including Family Group)
CHN4 - % of Pupils Gaining 5+ Awards at Level 5 CHN5 - % of Pupils Gaining 5+ Awards at Level 6	No updated data as the LGBF Board and ADES have agreed that to bring greater alignment between LGBF, National Improvement Framework (NIF) and the SAC Stretch Aims, we should move to using leavers' data for the CHN4, CHN5, CHN6
CHN6 - % of Pupils from 20% most Deprived Areas Gaining 5+ Awards at Level 5 CHN7 - % of Pupils from 20% most Deprived Areas Gaining 5+ Awards at Level 6	and CHN7 measures. From now on data from the February Insight release will be used for these indicators.

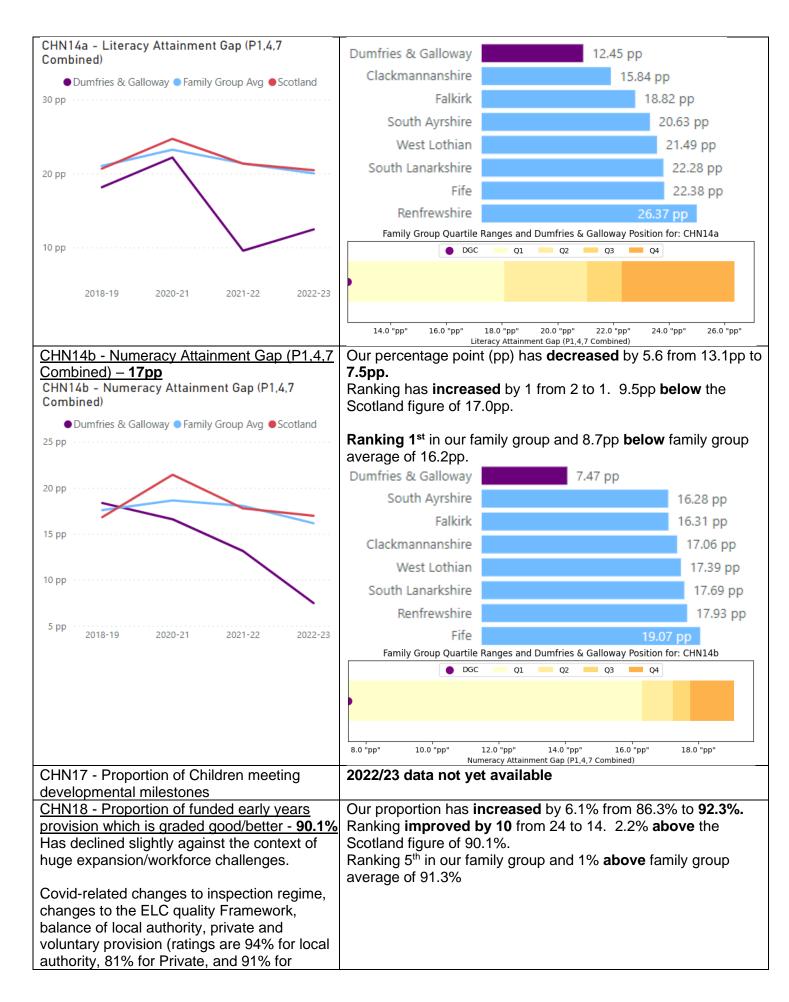
#### **Education and Young People**









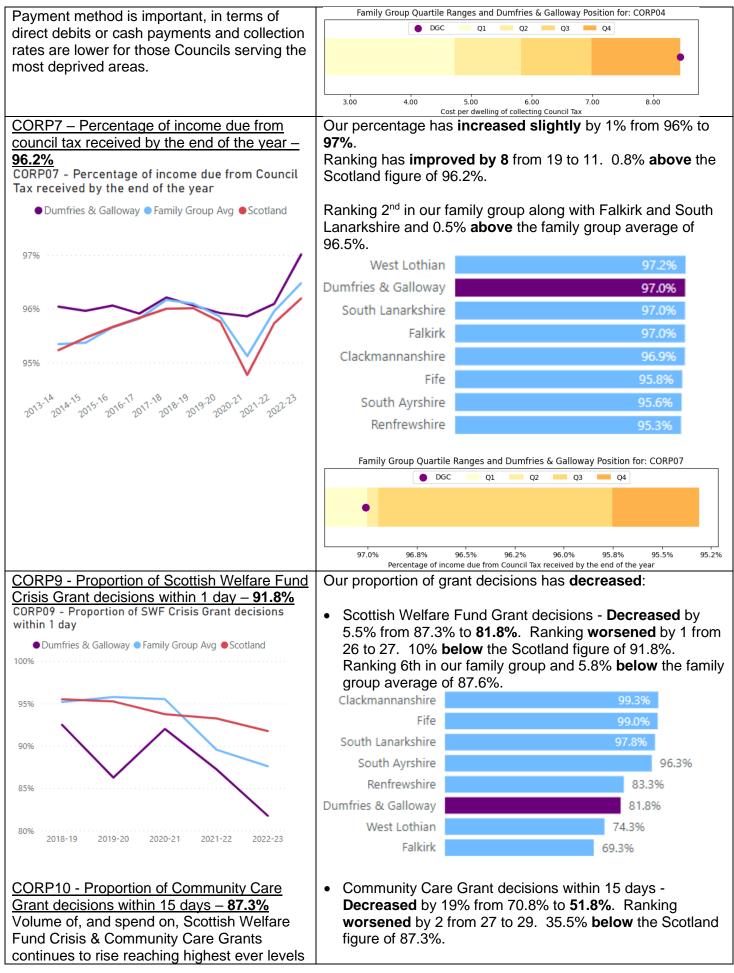


Voluntary) and workforce challenges		
regarding 1140 expansion. <u>CHN19a - School attendance rates (per</u> <u>1,000 pupils) – <b>90.2%</b></u>	Our rates have <b>decreased</b> by 1.3% from 93.2% to <b>91.0%</b> . Notwithstanding this, our ranking has <b>improved</b> by 3 from 11 to 8. 0.8% <b>above</b> the Scotland figure 90.2%. <b>Ranking equal 1</b> <sup>st</sup> in our family group (with Clackmannanshire and Falkirk) and 0.7% <b>above</b> the family group average of 90.3%	
CHN19b - School attendance rates (per 1,000 'looked after pupils')	2022/23 data not yet available	
CHN20a - School exclusions rates (per 1,000 pupils) CHN20b - School exclusions rates (per	-	
1,000 'looked after pupils') <u>CHN21 – Participation Rates for 16-19 year</u> <u>olds – <b>94.3%</b> The sharp increase in participation rates in 2022/23 is driven by recovery in young adults in employment and inclusion of HMRC data within participation rates for 2022/23.</u>	Our rates have <b>increased</b> by 1.5% from 93.3% to <b>94.9%</b> . Notwithstanding this, our ranking has <b>worsened</b> by 3 from 14 to 17. 0.6% <b>above</b> the Scotland figure 94.3%. Ranking 3 <sup>rd</sup> in our family group and 0.7% <b>above</b> the family group average of 94.2%	
CHN24 – Percentage of children living in poverty (After Housing Costs)	2022/23 data not yet available	
Observations and Action – Responsible Chief Officer - Jim Brown, Assistant Director Schools		

Our performance in this area of attainment, on the whole, is decreasing notwithstanding that the -Literacy and Numeracy Attainment Gap (P1,4,7 Combined) remains in the top quartile. This suite of indicators directly aligns with the Education and Learning theme and strategic outcomes of the Council Plan. Is the Assistant Director confident that the Education and Learning Improvement Plan 2023-27 is sufficiently closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantage children and young people through the improvement actions and measures.

### Poverty and Cost of Living

Nationally (Indicator, Scotland figure and emerging trends)	Dumfries and Gall	oway (including F	amily Group)
CORP4 – The cost per dwelling of collecting	Our cost has decreased by £1.70 (16.8%) from £10.15 to		
<u>council tax - £6.84</u>	£8.45.		
CORP04 - Cost per dwelling of collecting Council Tax	Ranking has <b>improved</b> by 4 from 28 to 24. £1.61 <b>above</b> the Scotland figure of £6.84.		
Dumfries & Galloway			
£15	Ranking 8 <sup>th</sup> in our fa group average of £		72 <b>above</b> the family
	Fife	£2.58	
	Falkirk	£3.32	
£10	West Lothian		£5.20
	Clackmannanshire		£5.27
	South Lanarkshire		£6.38
	South Ayrshire		£6.65
£5	Renfrewshire		£7.97
2013-14-15-2016-12017-18-018-19-20-2020-22221-22-2022-23	Dumfries & Galloway		£8.45
The rates have recovered to above pre-Covid levels (highest rate recorded so far).	13		



in 2022/23. This has had an impact on Grant	Ranking 8 <sup>th</sup> in our family group and 28.3% <b>below</b> the family
processing times for SWF. Early data from	group average of 80.1%.
2023/24 indicates drop in demand, and	Clackmannanshire 99.0%
improvement in processing times.	South Lanarkshire 97.8%
	Renfrewshire 90.8%
	South Ayrshire 87.0%
	Fife 82.0%
	West Lothian 71.5%
	Falkirk 61.0%
	Dumfries & Galloway 51.8%
	Family Group Quartile Ranges and Dumfries & Galloway Position for: CORP10
	• DGC Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4
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	90.0% 80.0% 70.0% 60.0% 50.0% Proportion of SWF Community Care Grant decisions within 15 days
CORP11 – The Proportion of Scottish	Our proportion of budget spent has <b>increased</b> by 6.4% from
Welfare Fund Budget Spent – 130%	162.4% to <b>168.8%</b> .
Has risen to an all-time high, at 130% (Actual	Ranking worsened by 1 from 5 to 6. 38.8% above the
spend has remained high, while budget has	Scotland figure of 130%.
fallen).	
	Ranking 3 <sup>rd</sup> in our family group and 24.3% <b>above</b> the family
CORD12 Proportion of Disprotionary	group average of 144.5%
CORP12 – Proportion of Discretionary Housing Payment Budget Spent – 94.4%	Our proportion of budget spent has <b>increased</b> by 1.6% from 97.8% to <b>99.4%.</b>
Has continued to fall (now at 94%)	Ranking <b>improved</b> by 3 from 10 to 7. 5% <b>above</b> the
	Scotland figure of 94.4%.
	Ranking 5 <sup>th</sup> in our family group and is <b>same</b> as the family
	group average of 99.4%.
ECON1 - Percentage of Unemployed People	Our percentage has <b>increased</b> by 3.4% from 8.2% to <b>11.6%</b> .
Assisted into work from Council Programmes	Ranking has <b>improved by 5</b> from 26 to 21. 1.3% <b>below</b> the
<b><u>12.9%</u></b> Rate at which unemployed people are being	Scotland figure of 12.9%.
supported into work has fallen back in 22/23,	Ranking 7 <sup>th</sup> in our family group and 2.4% <b>below</b> the family group average of 14%.
following a post-Covid related all-time high in	
2021/22. With rates highest for Councils	
serving the most deprived communities.	
ECON12a - Claimant Count as a % of	Our claimant count has increased slightly:
Working Age Population – 3.2%	
ECON12b - Claimant Count as % of 16-24	Working age population – <b>Decreased</b> 1% from 4.1% to <b>3.0%</b> .
Population – <b>3.6%</b>	Ranking <b>worsened</b> by 1 from 16 to 17. 0.2% <b>below</b> the
Recovered to pre-Covid levels. Rates have shown an increase in the first part of 2023/24	Scotland figure of 3.2%. Ranking 2 <sup>nd</sup> in our family group and 0.2% <b>below</b> the family
for under 25 (unlike working age population)	group average of 3.2%
	<u>16-24 population</u> – <b>Decreased</b> by 1.2% from 4.5% to <b>3.3%</b> . Ranking has <b>worsened</b> by 4 from 13 to 17. 0.2% <b>below</b> the
	Scotland figure of 3.5%.
	<b>Ranking 1<sup>st</sup></b> in our family group and 0.5% <b>below</b> the family group average of 3.8%
<b>Observations and Action – Responsible Ch</b>	ief Officer - Paul Garrett, Chief Financial Officer

Council Tax

The cost of collecting council tax alongside the collection rates is not as efficient as other Councils nationally, acknowledge that this is an area that the Budget Panel are currently reviewing.

### Proportion of grant decisions

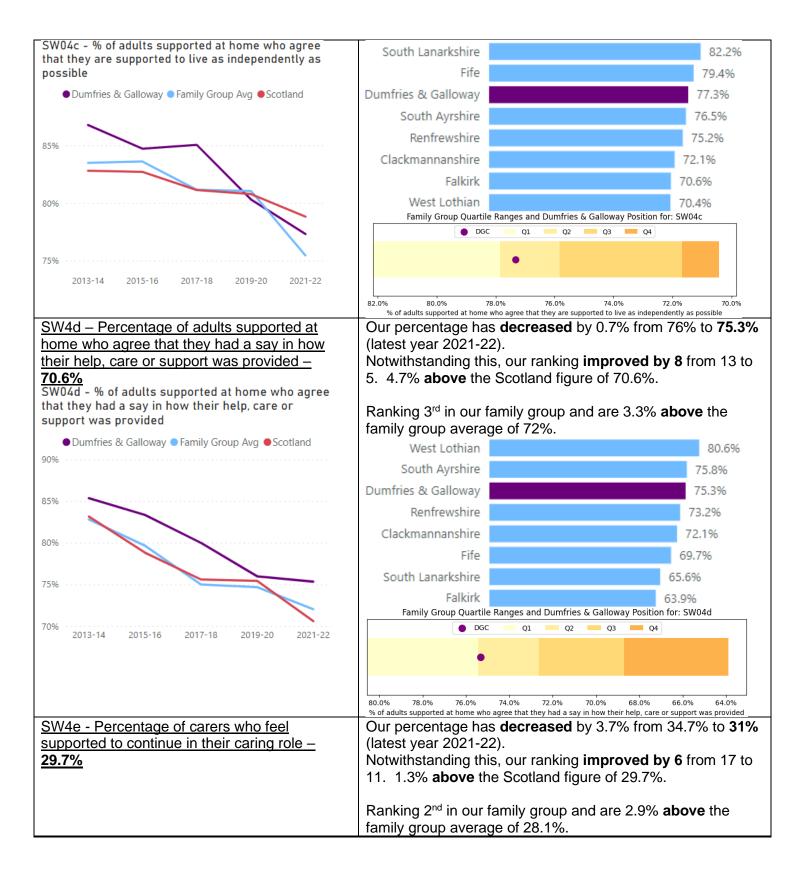
Early indications through the LGBF Dashboard are that there is an improvement with the latest data being 91% (Scottish Welfare Fund) and 96% (Community Care Grant) – is the Heads of Service confident that through this most recent data and continued monitoring that the proportion will continue to show an improvement.

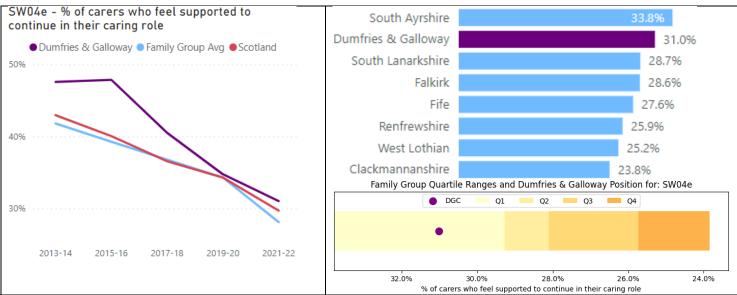
### 3. Remaining indicators within the Framework

An analysis has been undertaken of the indicators where we have the updated data for 2022-23 that do not feature in the themes above.

### Adult Social Care

Nationally (Indicator, Scotland figure and	Dumfries and Galloway (including Family Group)
emerging trends) SW2 - SDS (DP + MPB) spend on adults as a	Our spend has increased by 0.6% from 6.6% to 7.2%.
% of total adult social work spend – <b>8.7%</b>	Ranking has <b>improved</b> by 2 from 14 to 12. 1.5% below the
	Scotland figure of 8.7%.
	Ranking 4 <sup>th</sup> in our family group and are 1.1% <b>above</b> the
	family group average of 6.1%
SW4b - Percentage of adults supported at	Our percentage has <b>increased</b> by 2.5% from 81.6% to
home who agree that their services and support	
had an impact in improving or maintaining their	Ranking has <b>improved by 8</b> from 14 to 6. 6% <b>above</b> the
<u>quality of life – <b>78.1%</b></u> SW04b - % of adults supported at home who agree	Scotland figure of 78.1%.
that their services and support had an impact in	Ranking 2 <sup>nd</sup> in our family group and are 6.3% <b>above</b> the
improving or maintaining their quality of life	family group average of 77.8%.
Dumfries & Galloway Samily Group Avg Scotland	Clackmannanshire 85.7%
95%	Dumfries & Galloway 84.1%
× .	South Lanarkshire 80.0%
90%	West Lothian 79.0%
	Renfrewshire 75.8%
85%	Fife 75.2%
80%	South Ayrshire 71.9%
80%	Falkirk 70.4%
	Family Group Quartile Ranges and Dumfries & Galloway Position for: SW04b
75% 2013-14 2015-16 2017-18 2019-20 2021-22	● DGC Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4
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	84.0% 82.0% 80.0% 78.0% 76.0% 74.0% 72.0% 70.0%
SW4c - Percentage of adults supported at	supported at home who agree that their services and support had an impact in improving or maintaining their qu Our percentage has <b>decreased</b> by 3% from 80.3% to <b>77.3%</b>
home who agree that they are supported to live	(latest year 2021-22).
as independently as possible – <b>78.8%</b>	Ranking has <b>worsened</b> by 2 from 18 to 20. 1.5% <b>below</b> the
<u> </u>	Scotland figure of 78.8%.
	Ranking 3 <sup>rd</sup> in our family group and are 1.8% <b>above</b> the
	family group average of 75.5%.

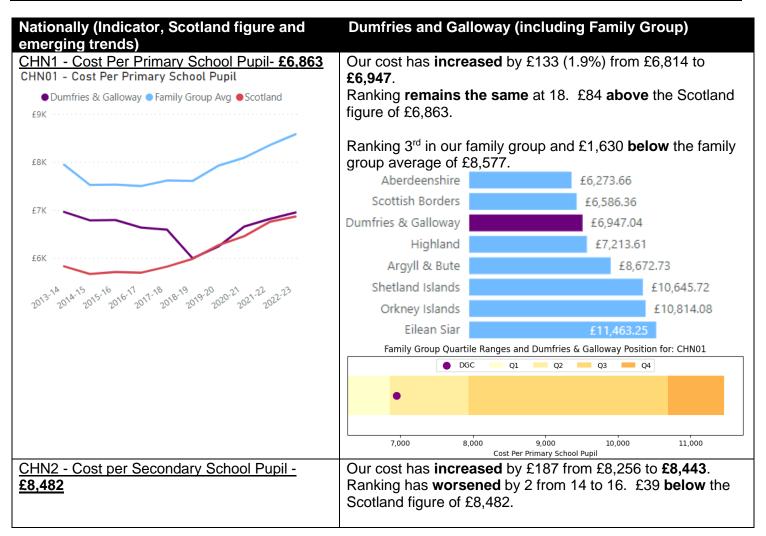


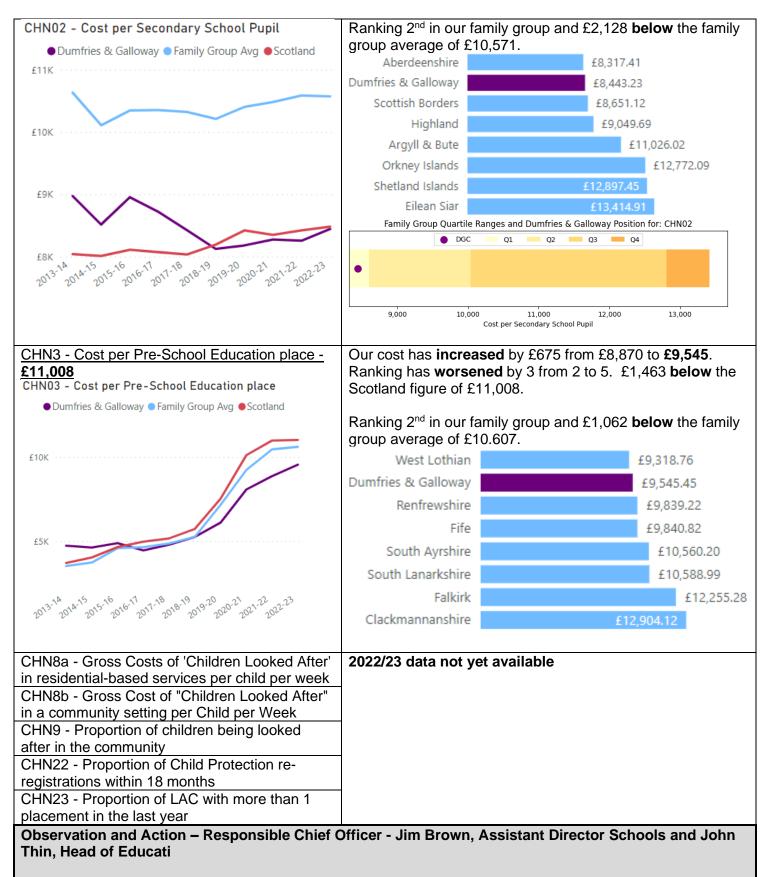


Observation and Action – Responsible Chief Officer - Stephen Morgan, Director Social Work Services

With the exception of one the satisfaction levels have decreased, is the Director Social Work Services confident that through the work of the Health and Social Care Partnership work is being down to understand the reasons behind the decrease in satisfaction.

#### **Children's Services**



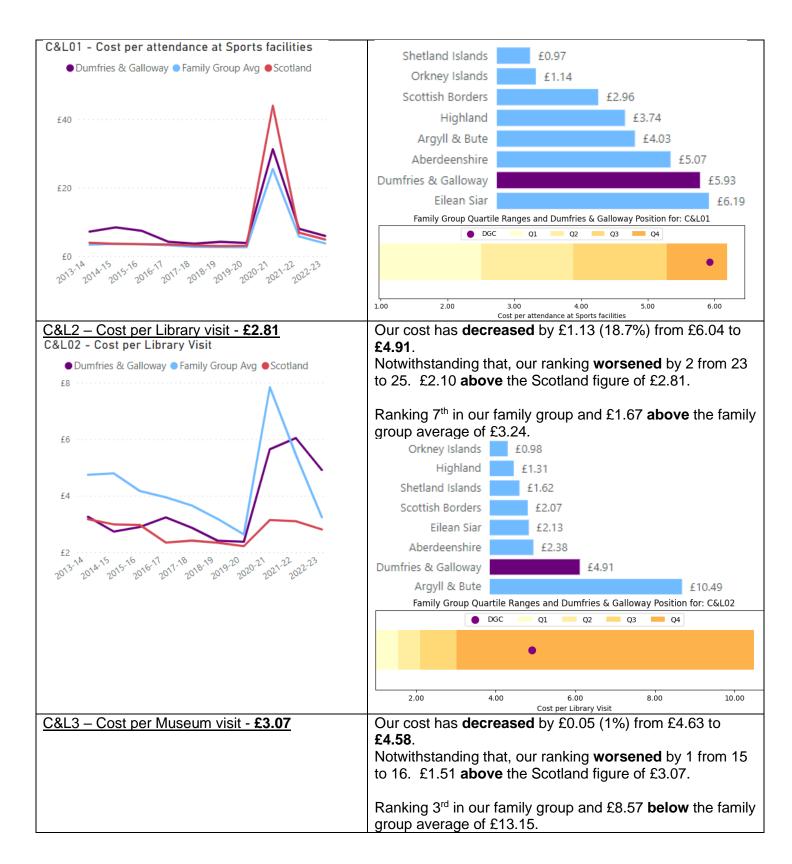


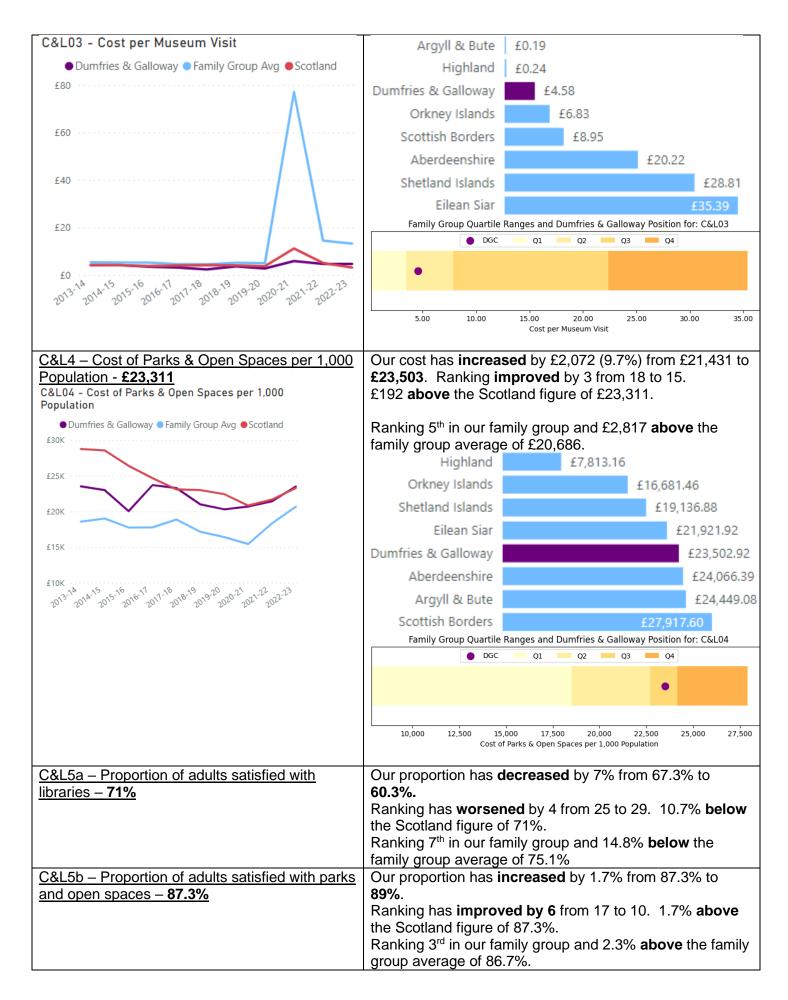
The cost of our schools is increasing, and our attainment is worsening is the Assistant Director and Head of Service confident that we are doing enough to address the increasing costs and the decreasing levels of attainment.

Corporate Services	
Nationally (Indicator, Scotland figure and emerging trends)	Dumfries and Galloway (including Family Group)
<u>CORP1 – Support services as a percentage of</u> total gross expenditure – <b>4.1%</b>	Our percentage has <b>increased</b> slightly by 0.2% from 3.9% to <b>4.1%</b> . Ranking has <b>worsened</b> by 1 from 20 to 21. 0.1% <b>above</b> the Scotland figure of 4.1%. Ranking 4 <sup>th</sup> in our family group and is the <b>same</b> as the family group average of 4.1%
<u>CORP3b – Proportion of the highest paid 5% of</u> employees who are women – <b>58.9%</b>	Our proportion has <b>increased</b> by 4.7% from 56.6% to <b>61.3%.</b> Ranking has <b>improved by 11</b> from 20 to 9. 2.4% <b>above</b> the Scotland figure of 58.9% Ranking 2 <sup>nd</sup> in our family group and 9.8% <b>above</b> the family group average of 51.5%.
CORP3c – Gender Pay Gap – <b>2.5%</b>	Our percentage has <b>decreased</b> by 0.5% from 4.6% to <b>4.1%.</b> Ranking has <b>improved</b> by 1 from 22 to 21. 1.6% <b>above</b> the Scotland figure of 2.5% Ranking 3 <sup>rd</sup> in our family group and 0.9% <b>below</b> the family group average of 5%.
CORP8 – Percentage of invoices sampled that were paid within 30 days – 90.6%	Our percentage has <b>increased</b> by 2.3% from 92.5% to <b>94.8%</b> . Ranking has <b>improved by 14</b> from 20 to 6. 4.2% <b>above</b> the Scotland figure of 90.6%. Ranking 2 <sup>nd</sup> in our family group and 3.9% <b>above</b> the family group average of 90.9%.
CORP-ASSET1 – Proportion of operational buildings that are suitable for their current use – 86.1%	Our proportion has <b>increased</b> by 1.6% from 82.5% to <b>84.1%</b> . Ranking improved by 2 from 25 to 23. 2% <b>below</b> the Scotland figure of 86.1%. Ranking 4 <sup>th</sup> in our family group and 1% above the family group average of 83.1%.
<u>CORP-ASSET2 – Proportion of internal floor area</u> of operational buildings in satisfactory condition – <b>89.7%</b>	Our proportion has <b>increased slightly</b> by 0.4% from 89.5% to <b>89.9%</b> . Ranking has <b>improved</b> by 4 from 24 to 20. 0.2% <b>above</b> the Scotland figure of 89.7%. Ranking 5 <sup>th</sup> in our family group and 0.6% <b>above</b> the family group average of 89.3%

## Culture and Leisure Services

Nationally (Indicator, Scotland figure and emerging trends)	Dumfries and Galloway (including Family Group)
<u>C&amp;L1 – Cost per attendance at Sports facilities -</u> <u>£4.89</u>	Our cost has <b>decreased</b> by £2.08 (26%) from £8.01 to <b>£5.93</b> . Notwithstanding that, our ranking has <b>worsened</b> by 2 from 24 to 26. £1.04 <b>above</b> the Scotland figure of £4.89. Ranking 7 <sup>th</sup> in our family group and £2.18 <b>above</b> the family group average of £3.75.





C&L5c – Proportion of adults satisfied with	Our proportion has <b>decreased</b> by 6% from 62.3% to	
museums and galleries – 71.3%	56.3%.	
	Notwithstanding this, our ranking <b>improved by 5</b> from 22	
	to 27. 15% <b>below</b> the Scotland figure of 71.3%.	
	Ranking 7 <sup>th</sup> in our family group and 12.9% below the	
	family group average of 69.2%.	
C&L5d – Proportion of adults satisfied with	Our proportion has <b>increased</b> by 6.7% from 55.3% to <b>62%</b>	
leisure facilities – 71%	Ranking remains the same at 31. 9% below the	
	Scotland figure of 71%.	
	Ranking lowest in our family group and 13.2% below the	
	family group average of 75.2%	
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Observations and Action - Responsible Chief Officer – Harry Hay, Head of Thriving Communities and Karen Brownlie, Interim Head of Facilities, Waste and Neighbourhood Services

On the whole, our costs remain high than nationally and our family groups, acknowledge that this is an area that the Heads of Service is currently exploring through the budget panel.

### **Economic Development**

Nationally (Indicator, Scotland figure and emerging trends)	Dumfries and Gall	oway (including Family Group)
ECON2 - Cost of Planning & Building		ased by £729 (22.5%) from £3,233 to
Standards per planning application - £5,538	£3,962.	
		by 1 from 3 to 4. £1,576 <b>below</b> the
	Scotland figure of £	amily group and £1,174 <b>below</b> the family
	group average of £	
ECON3 – Average Time per business or	<u> </u>	eased by 1.8 weeks (15%) from 11.9 weeks
industry planning application - 12 weeks	to 10.1 weeks.	, , ,
		ved by 8 from 18 to 10. 1.9 weeks below
	the Scotland figure	
	group average of 13	amily group and 2 weeks <b>below</b> the family
ECON4 - Proportion of procurement spent on		remained the same as 2021-22 at <b>31.2%</b> .
local enterprises – <b>29.6%</b>		by 1 from 10 to 11. 1.6% <b>above</b> the
ECON04 - Proportion of procurement spent on local enterprises	Scotland figure of 2	
Dumfries & Galloway Samily Group Avg Scotland	Ranking 5 <sup>th</sup> in our fa	amily group and 4.4% <b>below</b> the family
$\wedge$	group average of 3	5.6%.
	Highland	49.1%
35%	Shetland Islands	45.7%
	Orkney Islands	40.9%
	Argyll & Bute	36.2%
30%	Dumfries & Galloway	31.2%
	Eilean Siar	28.6%
25%	Aberdeenshire	26.9%
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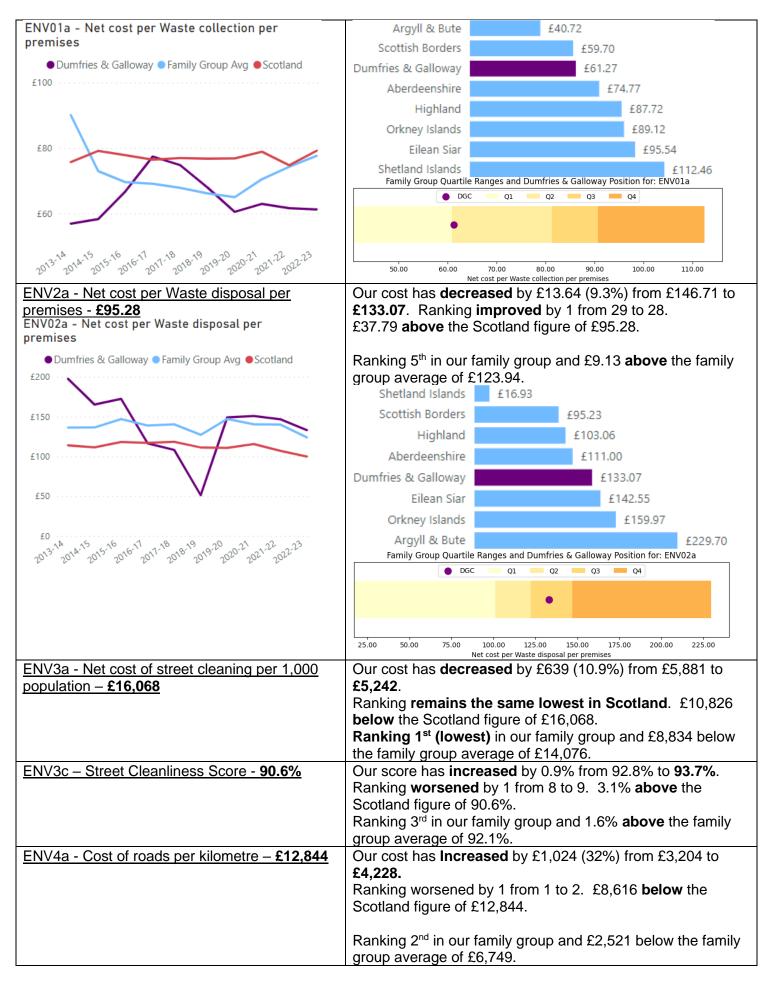
ECON5 – Number of business gateway start-	Our number has <b>decreased slightly</b> by 0.1% from 26.9% to
ups per 10,000 population – 14.3%	26.8%.
	Ranking <b>improved</b> by 4 from 8 to 4. 12.5% <b>above</b> the
	Scotland figure of 14.3%.
	<b>Ranking 1</b> <sup>st</sup> in our family group and 8.5% <b>above</b> the family
	group average of 18.3%
ECON6 - Investment in Economic	Our investment has increased by £29,366 (39.4%) from
Development & Tourism per 1,000 population -	£74,566 to <b>£103,932</b> .
£109,349	Ranking <b>improved by 10</b> from 24 to 14. £5,417 <b>below</b> the Scotland figure of £109,349.
	Ranking 6 <sup>th</sup> in our family group and £47,200 <b>below</b> the family
	group average of £151,132.
ECON7 - Proportion of people earning less	Our proportion has <b>decreased</b> by 5.8% from 19.8% to <b>14.0%.</b>
<u>than the living wage – 9.4%</u>	Ranking has <b>worsened</b> by 3 from 19 to 16. 4.4% <b>below</b> the
	Scotland figure of 95.5%.
	Ranking 6 <sup>th</sup> in our family group and 1.4% <b>above</b> the family
	group average of 12.6%.
ECON8 – Proportion of properties receiving	Our proportion has <b>increased</b> by 2.8% from 88.3% to <b>91.1%.</b>
superfast broadband – 95.5%	Ranking <b>remains the same</b> at 22. 4.6% <b>above</b> the Scotland
	figure of 9.4%.
	<b>Ranking 1</b> <sup>st</sup> in our family group and 7.3% <b>above</b> the family
	group average of 83.8%.
ECON9 - Town Vacancy Rates – 12%	Our rates have <b>decreased</b> by 0.7% from 15.7% to <b>15.0%</b> .
	Ranking <b>improved</b> by 4 from 26 to 22. 3% <b>above</b> the Scotland figure of 12.0%.
	Ranking 4 <sup>th</sup> in our family group and the same as the family
	group average of 15.0%.
ECON10 - Immediate available employment	Our percentage has <b>remained the same at 3.5%.</b>
land as a % of total land allocated for	Ranking <b>remains the same</b> at 30. 19.3% <b>above</b> the Scotland
employment purposes – <b>22.8%</b>	figure of 22.8%.
	<b>Ranking 8<sup>th</sup></b> in our family group and 34.5% <b>below</b> the family
	group average of 38.0%.
ECON11 - Gross Value Added (GVA) per	Our GVA has <b>increased</b> by £835 (3.8%) from £21,714 to
capita - £25,758	<b>£22,549</b> (latest year 2021-22).
	Ranking worsened by 4 from 11 to 15. £3,209 below the
	Scotland figure of £25,758.
	Ranking 6 <sup>th</sup> in our family group and £1,722 <b>below</b> the family
	group average of £24,271.
Observations and Action – Responsible Chie	ef Officer - Paul Garrett, Chief Financial Officer

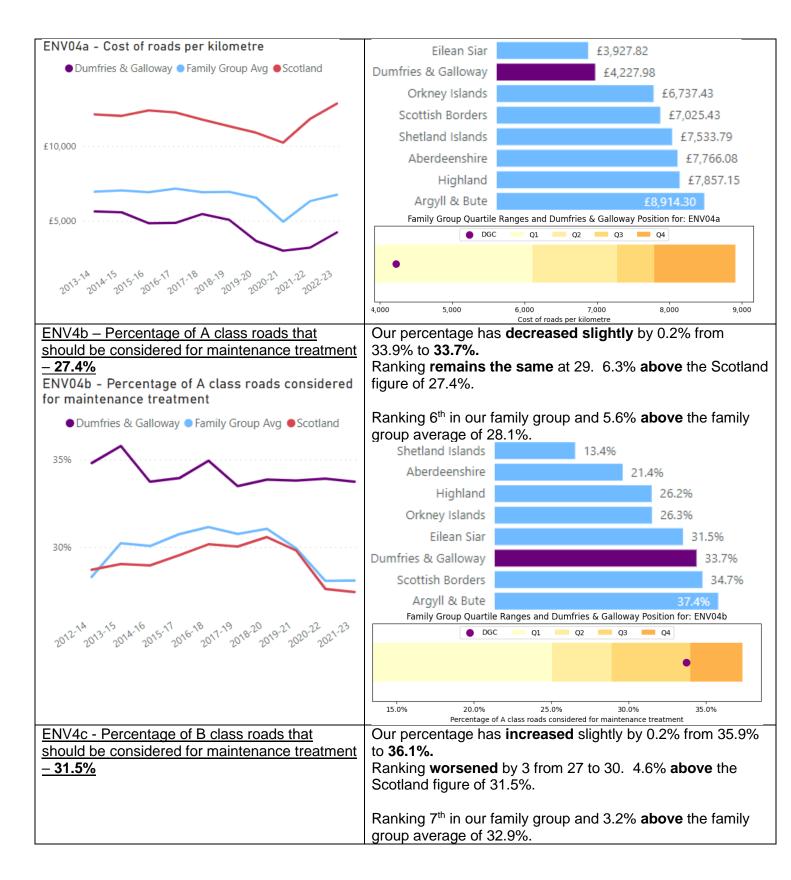
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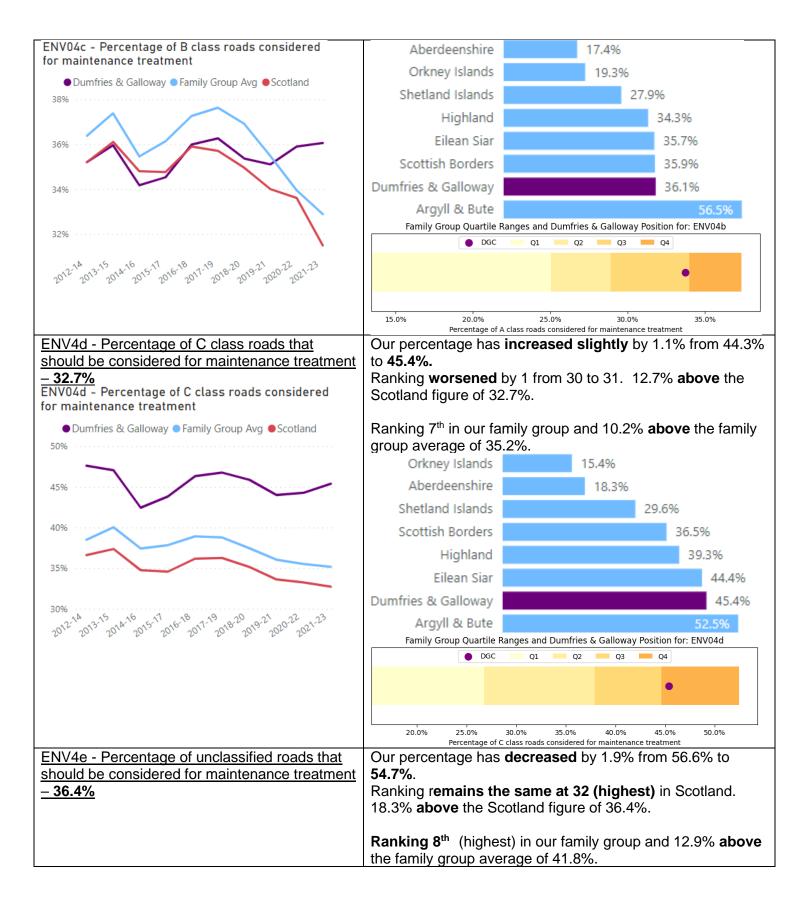
• This indicator aligns to the Economy theme and strategic outcomes within the Council Plan and has shown no improvement in the past 2 years. Is the Head of Service confident through the action within the Council Plan that it will show an improvement in 2023/24.

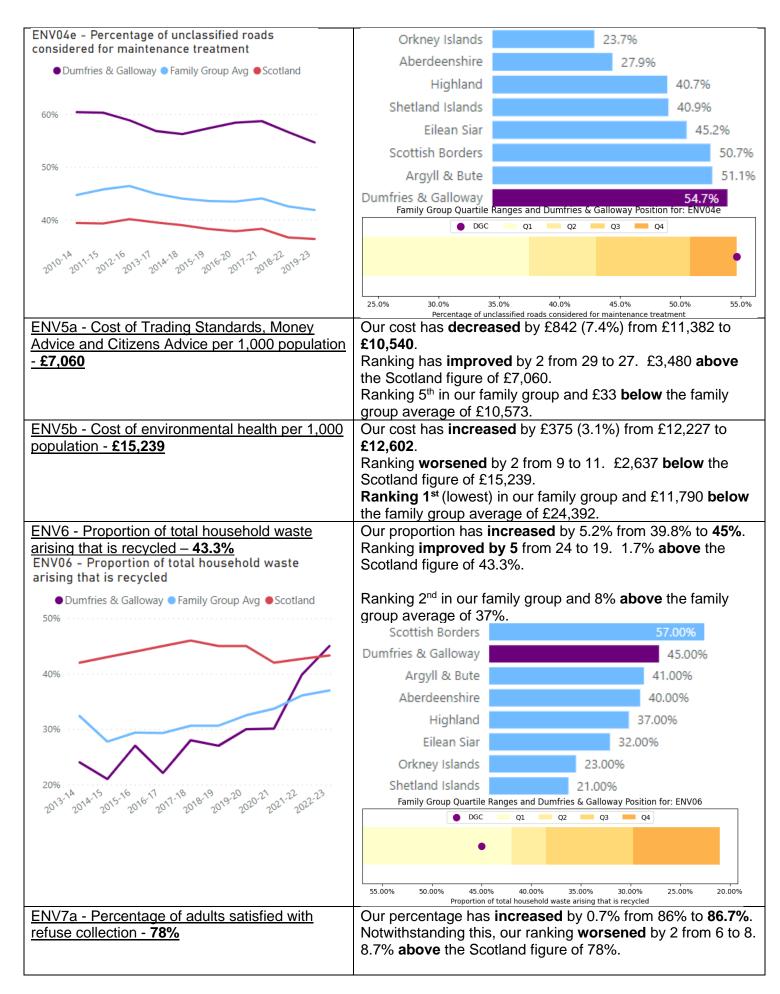
### **Environmental Services**

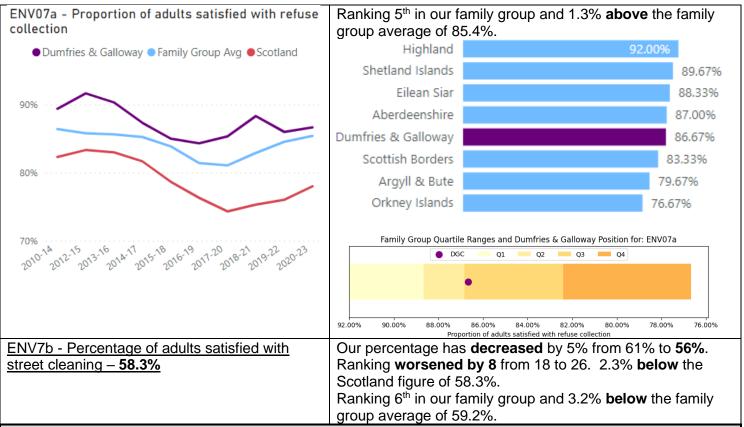
Nationally (Indicator, Scotland figure and emerging trends)	Dumfries and Galloway (including Family Group)
ENV1a - Net cost per Waste collection per premises - £75.64	Our cost has <b>decreased</b> by £0.35 (0.6%) from £61.62 to <b>£61.27</b> . Ranking <b>improved</b> by 2 from 10 to 8. £14.37 <b>below</b> the Scotland figure of £75.64. Ranking 3 <sup>rd</sup> in our family group and £16.39 <b>above</b> the family
	group average of £77.66.











Observations and Action - Responsible Chief Officer – Karen Brownlie, Interim Head of Facilities, Waste and Neighbourhood Services and Stephen Hall, Interim Head of Transport and Infrastructure.

### <u>Waste</u>

Our costs have decreased, the latest data showing an increase in adults satisfied with refuse collection together with the proportion of total household waste arising that is recycled has increased – is the Interim Head of Service confident that the new waste strategy will continue to improve performance in this area.

### <u>Roads</u>

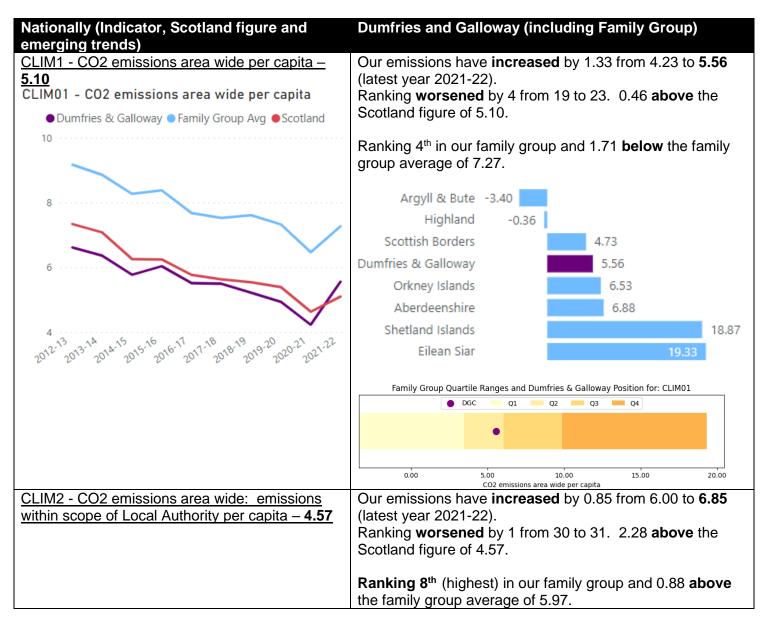
We are continuing to invest less in our road network than other local authorities and the condition of our roads remain in the bottom quartile. Does the Interim Head of Service have indications from the policy investment funding in last years budget that performance in this area is showing an improvement.

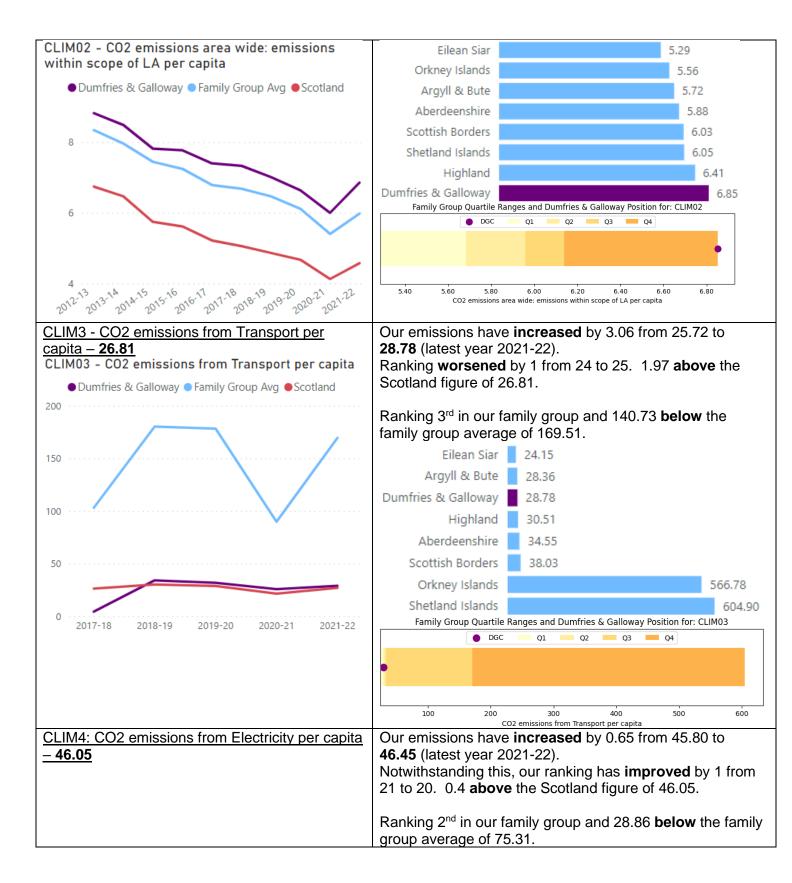
### Financial Sustainability

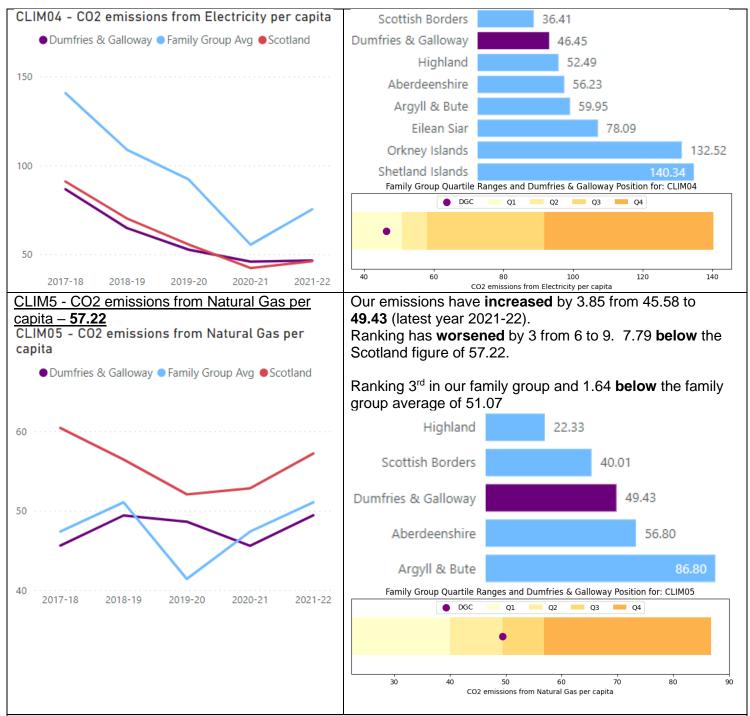
Nationally (Indicator, Scotland figure and emerging trends)	Dumfries and Galloway (including Family Group)
FINSUS1 - Total useable reserves as a % of council annual budgeted revenue – 24.5%	Our percentage has <b>decreased</b> by 2.5% from 27.3% to <b>24.8%.</b>
	Ranking has <b>worsened by 5</b> from 10 to 15. 0.3% <b>above</b> the Scotland figure of 24.5%.
	Ranking 6 <sup>th</sup> in our family group and 69% <b>below</b> the family group average of 93.8%.
FINSUS2 - Uncommitted General Fund Balance	Our percentage has <b>decreased slightly</b> by 0.1% from
as a % of annual budgeted net revenue - 3.2%	2.2% to <b>2.1%.</b> Ranking <b>improved</b> by 1 from 24 to 23.
	1.1% <b>below</b> the Scotland figure of 3.2%.
	Ranking 7 <sup>th</sup> in our family group and 3.8% above the family group average of 5.9%

FINSUS3 - Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream - General Fund – 5.4%	Our ratio has <b>decreased</b> by 1.3% from 6.3% to <b>5%</b> . Ranking <b>improved</b> by 3 from 16 to 13. 0.4% <b>below</b> the Scotland figure of 5.4%. Ranking 2 <sup>nd</sup> in our family group and 0.8% <b>below</b> the family group average of 5.8%
FINSUS5 - Actual outturn as a percentage of budgeted expenditure – 98.6%	Our percentage has <b>increased slightly</b> by 0.4% from 99.2% to 99.6%. Ranking <b>improved</b> by 2 from 15 to 13. 1% <b>above</b> the Scotland figure of 98.6%. Ranking 2 <sup>nd</sup> in our family group and 1.9% <b>above</b> the family group average of 97.7%

### Tackling Climate Change







Observations and Action - Responsible Chief Officer – Steve Rogers, Head of Economy and Environment

This suite of indicators aligns to the Safeguard our future principle within the Council Plan - is the Head of Service confident that through the Carbon Management Plan 2 and Climate Change Action Plan that enough is being done to improve performance in this area bearing in mind the 3 additional indicators that have been introduced as part of the 2022-23 framework (Emissions from Transport per Capita; Emissions from Electricity per Capita; and Emissions from Natural Gas per Capita)

### **Family Groups**

To understand why variations in cost and performance are occurring and to allow Councils to work together to 'drill-down' into the benchmarking data across services, family groups were created. This means that Councils are being compared that are similar in terms of the type of population that the serve (e.g. relative deprivation and affluence) and the type of area in which they serve them (e.g. urban, semi-rural, rural).

For Children Services and Adult Social Care indicators, we are in Family Group 3 as shown below which is based on deprivation:

es	Children, Social Work & Housing Indicators				
People Services	Family Group 1	Family Group 2	Family Group 3	Family Group 4	
e	East Renfrewshire	Moray	Falkirk	Eilean Siar	
e v	East Dunbartonshire	Stirling	Dumfries & Galloway	Dundee City	
ğ	Aberdeenshire	East Lothian	Fife	East Ayrshire	
ĕ	Edinburgh, City of	Angus	South Ayrshire	North Ayrshire	
_	Perth & Kinross	Scottish Borders	West Lothian	North Lanarkshire	
	Aberdeen City	Highland	South Lanarkshire	Inverclyde	
	Shetland Islands	Argyll & Bute	Renfrewshire	West Dunbartonshire	
	Orkney Islands	Midlothian	Clackmannanshire	Glasgow City	

Least deprived -

Most deprived

For Corporate Services (including Corporate Asset); Culture & Leisure Services; Environmental Services ; Economic Development; Financial Sustainability and Tackling Climate Change, we are in Family Group 1, based on rurality.

	Environmental, Culture & Leisure, Economic Development, Corporate & Property indicators				
S	Family Group 1	Family Group 2	Family Group 3	Family Group 4	
ice	Eilean Siar	Perth & Kinross	Angus	North Lanarkshire	
Services	Argyll & Bute	Stirling	Clackmannanshire	Falkirk	
	Shetland Islands	Moray	Midlothian	East Dunbartonshire	
Other	Highland	South Ayrshire	South Lanarkshire	Aberdeen City	
B	Orkney Islands	East Ayrshire	Inverclyde	Edinburgh, City of	
	Scottish Borders	East Lothian	Renfrewshire	West Dunbartonshire	
	Dumfries & Galloway	North Ayrshire	West Lothian	Dundee City	
	Aberdeenshire	Fife	East Renfrewshire	Glasgow City	

Rural 🗲

### **APPENDIX 2**

#### 2020/21 – total of 98 indicators as the following 4 indicators are biannual:

SW4b: Percentage of adults supported at home who agree that their services and support had an impact in improving or maintaining their quality of life

SW4c: Percentage of adults supported at home who agree that they are supported to live as independently as possible

SW4d: Percentage of adults supported at home who agree that they had a say in how their help, care or support was provided

SW4e: Percentage of carers who feel supported to continue in their caring role

#### 2021/22- total of 98 indicators as the following 4 indicators are biannual:

CHN19a: School attendance rate

CHN19b: School attendance rate (Looked After Children)

CHN20a: School exclusion rates (per 1,000 pupils)

CHN20b: School exclusion rates (per 1,000 'looked after children')

### 2023/24 – total of 77 indicators as the following 25 indicators – data has not yet been released:

CHN4: % of Pupils Gaining 5+ Awards at Level 5

CHN5: % of Pupils Gaining 5+ Awards at Level 6

CHN6: % of Pupils from Deprived Areas Gaining 5+ Awards at Level 5 (SIMD)

CHN7: % of Pupils from Deprived Areas Gaining 5+ Awards at Level 6 (SIMD)

CHN8a: The Gross Cost of "Children Looked After" in Residential Based Services per Child per Week

CHN8b: The Gross Cost of "Children Looked After" in a Community Setting per Child per Week

CHN9: % of children being looked after in the community

CHN11: Proportion of Pupils Entering Positive Destinations

CHN17: % of children meeting developmental milestones

CHN19b: School attendance rate (Looked After Children)

CHN20a: School exclusion rates (per 1,000 pupils)

CHN20b: School exclusion rates (per 1,000 'looked after children')

CHN22: % of child protection re-registrations within 18 months

CHN23: % Looked After Children with more than 1 placement in the last year (Aug-July)

CHN24: % of children living in poverty (after housing costs)

SW4b: Percentage of adults supported at home who agree that their services and support had an impact in improving or maintaining their quality of life (comparator year 2019-20)

SW4c: Percentage of adults supported at home who agree that they are supported to live as independently as possible (comparator year 2019-20)

SW4d: Percentage of adults supported at home who agree that they had a say in how their help

SW4e: Percentage of carers who feel supported to continue in their caring role

ECON11: Gross Value Added (GVA) per capita

CLIM1: CO2 emissions area wide per capita

CLIM2: CO2 emissions are wide: emissions within scope of LA per capita

CLIM3: CO2 emissions from Transport per capita

CLIM4: CO2 emissions from Electricity per capita

CLIM5: CO2 emissions from Natural Gas per capita