Future metrics management in LG Inform and LG Inform Plus
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Local Government Association, Local Government House, Smith Square, London SW1P 3HZ   Bevin Hall
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Specialist workshop for business analysts and performance management officers to explore options for a metrics upload facility in the LG Inform and LG Inform Plus

LG Inform holds large area metrics to permit council areas to be compared with one another. LG Inform Plus holds small area metrics to permit comparison of wards and non-official user-defined areas created within its natural neighbourhood facility. Collectively, both tools currently include over 3000 contextual and performance metrics describing local government. All these metrics are already held in the public domain.

Increasingly, requests are being made to the LGA to consider extending the tools to include locally derived and non-official metrics, for use in combination with the national metrics already provided. Before we explore the feasibility of this in detail, there are details to agree such as the increased levels of access security, the user-interface and the governance of the more diverse data volumes.

This workshop aims to bring together users to explore the options and to prioritise future developments. It will take the form of briefings from the programme team on current practices, along with options for possible future developments to allow upload of metrics. There will then follow open discussion to seek your views on key functionality for such an upload facility and inform a strategy for next steps.

Agenda:

10:30 Coffee and registration

11:00 Introduction and welcome. Juliet Whitworth (LGA)

11:05 Background to current metrics management

11:20 New methods for metrics discovery

11:35 Sources of potential additional metrics

11:45 Open discussion - Options for local metrics upload and support

1. What process will local metrics upload take?

2. Users' minimum responsibility? Provide metadata such as a definition, units of measure, frequency, locality of cover and the source data or updates.

3. What form of data input best suits your needs?

4. Security and access levels given to:

    a. upload process

    b. sight/discovery of local metrics

    c. use of local metrics

5. Extensions to the standards pages to detail local metrics within a side branch of the metrics-types list?

6. Mappings to other lists?

Lunch and close by around 2.00pm