

Addendum by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 8.6 – Local Government Benchmarking Framework 2017-18 – Edinburgh Overview

1.1.2 Notes a number of service areas in Edinburgh which give cause for concern. These include:

- That Edinburgh invests a third of the amount per 1,000 population on parks and greenspaces, compared to the Scottish average.
- That Edinburgh spends less than half of the Scottish average on library services as measured by number of visitors.
- That, despite having the highest council housing rents in Scotland, Edinburgh has poorer performance on repair response times and housing quality than most councils.
- That Edinburgh is almost at the bottom of rankings in having council buildings which are suitable for current use.
- That the household recycling rate in Edinburgh is lower than the national average with Edinburgh ranking 23rd out of 32 councils.
- That Edinburgh ranks 30th out of 32 councils in satisfaction with schools.

1.1.3 Further notes

- That Edinburgh receives the lowest funding settlement per head of population from the Scottish Government of any Scottish council and, that this re-inforces the need for significant reform of local authority funding.
- That almost a decade of public sector funding cuts implemented by successive UK Governments has led to significant pressure on local government budgets; and that widely-criticised changes to welfare services have increased demands on local government services.

1.1.4 Agrees that the above issues, among many others, be taken into account in developing service improvement plans.

Moved by: Councillor Gavin Corbett