

Introduction

The Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) is a dataset allowing for benchmarking across the 32 Scottish Councils for a range of services.

This business bulletin has been populated based on data as at 17 December 2025.

The dataset for 2024/25 has now been released and can be accessed using [the Improvement Service online tool](#).

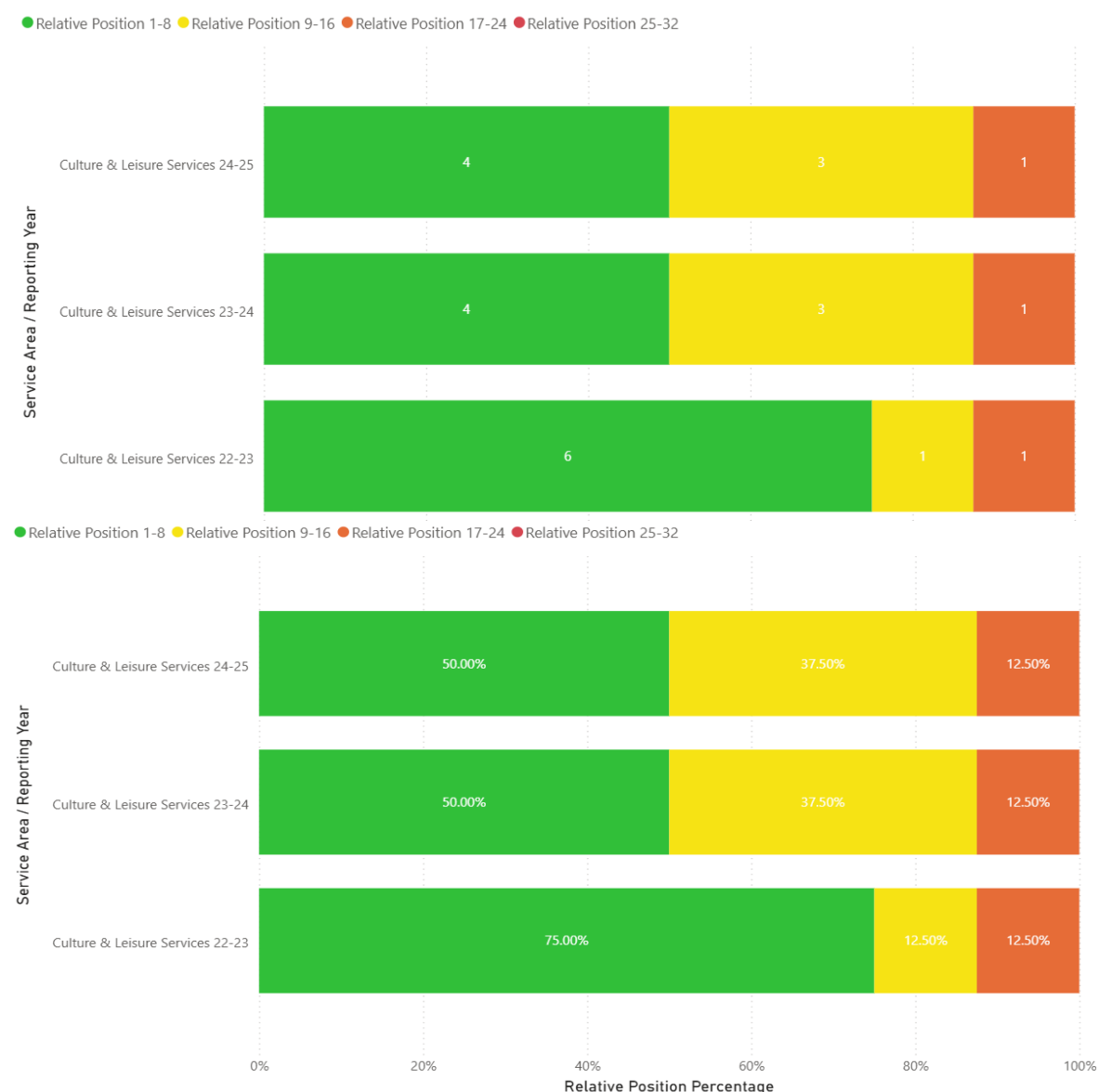
Theme Summary

There are 8 indicators for Culture and Leisure

Between 2023/24 and 2024/25 Performance improved for 0 of the indicators, maintained for 2 indicators and decreased for the other 6 indicators.

Between 2023/24 and 2024/25 Relative position improved for 2 of the indicators, decreased for 4 indicators and remained static for 2 indicators.

The charts below show the quartiles our indicators sit in compared to the other local authorities for the last three years. The top chart as counts and the bottom chart as percentages.



Key Messages

- Total sports attendances up to 3,947,604 in 2024/25 from 3,512,527 = 12% increase. The Increase in number of attendances driven by increased member numbers from our full fitness membership programme.
- Libraries virtual visits down to 6,402,434 in 2024/25 from 10,453,768 = 38% decrease. The drop in virtual visits to libraries is because from 1 April 2024 we have counted Facebook Interactions (closer to Association of Public Libraries in Scotland indicator requirement) rather than Page views as this is a more meaningful indication of engagement.
- Satisfaction with all 4 indicators has decreased in performance and relative position with data from the Scottish Household Survey. This is also reflected across Scotland, the other 3 cities and the family group although, Edinburgh maintains the highest satisfaction across the 4 indicators.
- Museums and Galleries attendances down to 475,896 in 2024/25 from 549,474 in 2023/24 = 13% decrease. Drops in attendance can account for loss in income which can be attributed to the cost per visit.

Summary

Further analysis of the Culture and Leisure theme data could be undertaken if more detail is required.