

Green Book and StatsWales

Summary

1. This paper provides information on the availability of various Settlement related data published by Welsh Government.

Views sought:

2. DSG Members' views are sought on the usefulness of the data that is currently made available with suggestions for any potential improvements in data availability going forward.

Local Government Settlement outputs:

3. The [Local Government Revenue and Capital Settlement](#) is published on an annual basis and contains the letter to local authorities, the Final Local Government Finance Report 2024-25 and the Final local government revenue and capital settlement tables which include:
 - Change in Aggregate External Finance (AEF), adjusted for transfers, by Unitary Authority
 - Change in AEF plus floor funding, un-adjusted for transfers, by Unitary Authority
 - AEF per Capita, by Unitary Authority
 - Breakdown of General Capital Funding (GCF), by Unitary Authority
 - Local Authority Capital Settlement, by Ministerial Portfolio
 - Components of Capital Financing Standard Spending Assessment (SSA), by Unitary Authority
 - New Responsibilities, by Unitary Authority
 - Comparison of total SSA, by Unitary Authority
 - SSA Sector totals, adjusted for transfers, by Unitary Authority for previous year
 - SSA Sector totals, by Unitary Authority
 - Service Indicator Based Assessments (IBAs), by Unitary Authority
 - Details of principal council funding, by Unitary Authority
 - Adjustments to AEF base, by Unitary Authority
 - List and estimated amounts of Grants for total Wales.
 - Components of change, isolating the impact of updating individual elements of the formula with the latest data

Background to the Spending Assessments (Green Book)

4. The [Background information for standard spending assessments](#) is published as a report with two excel workbooks presenting information on the Service IBAs and the associated indicators. Together this is known as the Green Book.

StatsWales

5. Detailed information on Settlement outputs (from 1996-97 to current year) [StatsWales](#) have been published on [StatsWales](#). This information includes data on:
 - [Standard Spending Assessments and Central Government Support](#)
 - [Analysis of Indicator Based Assessments \(IBAs\)](#)
 - [Values of the Individual Variables used in the SSA Model](#)
 - [Breakdown of General Capital Funding](#)
6. The data on StatsWales can be filtered and exported to allow users to undertake further analysis and examples of manipulations that can be created can be found in Annex A. [StatsWales](#) videos on how to navigate, filter and export data from StatsWales.

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Figure 1: Example of filtering by indicator, year, and authority in StatsWales.

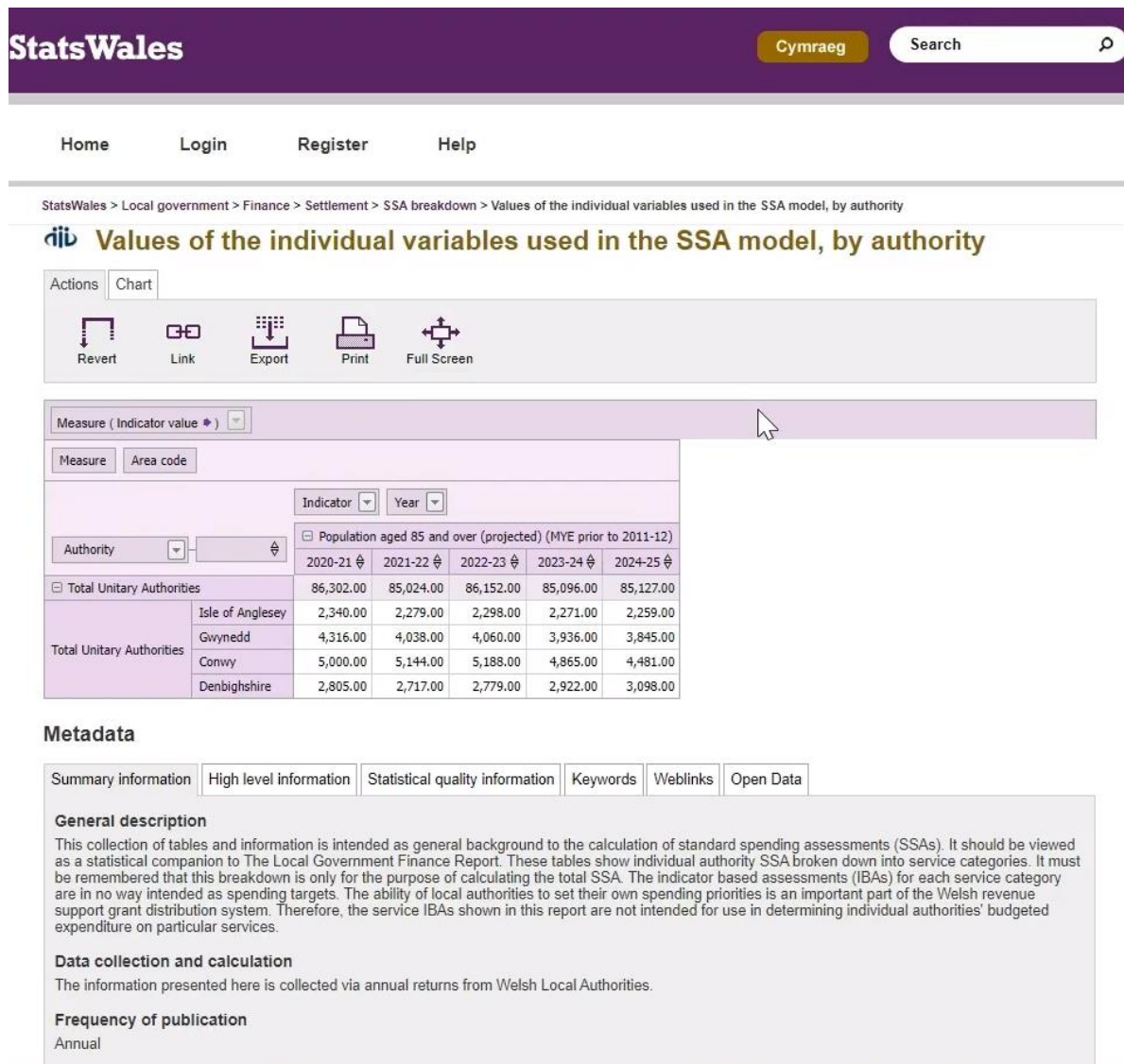


Figure 2: Example of creating a chart from the filtered table.

