

6 Ways... Digital Transformation Can Help Deliver 'Levelling Up'

The government's long-awaited '[Levelling up' whitepaper may finally have arrived](#)¹ – but for many HR, Finance and Technology leaders working in local authorities and beyond, many of the numbers don't add up:



£11bn

= less money than expected...

Following years of funding cuts and slashed budgets, the whitepaper really contained no 'new' money at all. And many believe the £11bn allocated over the next five years leaves them with less money to spend than ten years ago.



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'missions' mean huge data challenges

The government intends to ask councils for masses of data relating to the 12 missions set out in the report. Under a similar approach, the NHS has had 22 data directions in 10 years – suggesting a data headache is coming for leaders.



£148 > £10

vast 'per-head' funding variations

With some local authorities receiving as much as £148 per person in their area, and some receiving as little as £10 per head – there are no clear roadmaps for success and every authority will need to generate its own strategy.



2 million+

local authority staff affected

The levelling up agenda will likely impact ways of working and the day-to-day activities of more than 2 million local authority workers – as well as many of the 3.5 million central government workers. Tech must help take the strain.

6 Ways Digital Transformation Can Help:

1

Efficiency

Using Automated Spend Management software, local authorities can free up valuable time and money to focus on more important and more impactful issues.

2

Accurate reporting and planning

Automated Spend Management can also deliver real-time visibility into spend – tracking and reporting where payments are being made across the organisation, in real time.

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Monitoring budgets

With less money available than expected, effectively and accurately tracking progress against budgets – with a real-time picture of whether a project is over or under-spending – will be essential.

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Spend management for the longer-term

Effective data isn't just about how a project is tracking right now – it's about predictive spend management and understanding whether the money that's left will be enough to deliver all the requirements being placed on local authorities.

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Making every penny of council budgets count

Automated Spend Management systems can automatically identify and reduce non-compliant spend, not least through travel and expense claims.

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Supporting 'business as usual'

Levelling up will need to be delivered alongside a growing list of business-as-usual activities – from net zero, to increased efficiency and data management. Again, technology can take up the slack.

At SAP Concur solutions, we fully understand the pressures being placed on public sector **HR, Finance and Technology** leaders as they tackle levelling up alongside their everyday activities. We can help you meet these challenges and seize the opportunities of digital transformation.

To learn more about how digital transformation can help your public sector organisation deliver on levelling up.

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Sources:
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