

Working with a data partner



Continued pressure on local government organisations to reduce cost but do more, might mean a different approach for managing your data, and developing useable analytics insights across your organisation.

The Financial Burden of Maintaining Skilled Data Engineers and Analysts

In today's data-driven world, organisations are increasingly reliant on skilled data engineers and analysts to extract valuable insights from vast amounts of data. However, the cost of maintaining these professionals can be a significant burden, potentially restricting the ability to provide true insight across the organisation.



The Cost of Skilled Data Engineers

The average salary for a data engineer in the UK in 2025 is approximately £44,827 per year[1]. This figure can vary significantly based on experience, with entry-level data engineers earning around £31,758 and senior data engineers commanding salaries upwards of £85,059[2]. Additionally, organisations must consider the costs associated with recruitment, training, and retention, which can further escalate the financial burden.

In local government, oncosts including pension contributions, increase the average data engineers annual cost to be closer to £65,000 per annum, which means the effective knowledge and capability is significantly less than private sector counterparts.



[1] Average Data Engineer Salary in United Kingdom - Payscale

[2] Data Engineer Salary United Kingdom - SalaryExpert

The Benefits of working with a Data Partner

Many organisations are exploring what data, analytics and AI can provide for them but continue to struggle to resource effectively, retain trained staff, or they simply can't scale due to poor processes. itelligent-i can provide several key benefits:

1 Cost Efficiency

Partnering on data management and analytical delivery can lead to significant cost savings and improve outputs. Organisations can reduce operational expenses by up to 40% compared to maintaining an in-house team or avoid the permanent cost when scaling up. This is achieved by eliminating the need for recruitment, training, infrastructure (devices etc) and, the significant oncosts.

2 Access to Specialised Expertise

Data partners bring a wealth of specialised knowledge and experience. itelligent-i is equipped with the latest tools and technologies, knowledge of Public Sector processes, and has accelerator solutions for data and analytics, ensuring that your organisation benefits from the investment in developing insight for service improvements.

3 Scalability and Flexibility

Scale their data and analytics functions up or down based on demand. This flexibility, and access to a skilled and knowledgeable data partner like itelligent-i ensures that resources are used efficiently and that the organisation can adapt quickly to changing business needs and government demand.

4 Improved data management and Analytical Outputs

With access to advanced analytical capabilities, itelligent-i as a data partner can provide more accurate, fully automated and actionable insights. This removes the burden on resources, enhances decision-making and supports business users in understanding the insights being provided.

5 Focus on Core Business Functions

Working with a data partner means internal teams can focus on core business activities and strategic initiatives. This leads to improved productivity and better service provision.



Evidence from itelligent-i Reviews

Over the past 10 years, itelligent-i has conducted 31 reviews of local government organisation data and analytics practices.

Consequently, implementing enterprise level cloud data platforms, fully automated data extracts, deploying thousands of insights, highlighting the benefits of specialised and skilled expertise by accelerating local authorities to a more advance analytical position. These reviews have consistently shown that working with a data partner can significantly enhance the capability and skills available to the organisation, improve analytical outputs, and support business users in understanding the insights provided while reducing operational costs.

Working with a data partner offers a cost-effective and efficient alternative. By leveraging the expertise and advanced capabilities of a data partner such as itelligent-i who specialises in Local Government, organisations can enhance their analytical outputs, support business users, and ultimately drive better business outcomes at a lower cost point.



Explore options with us

itelligent-i has a wealth of experience working in the public sector, supporting complex services and the big issues local government is tasked with. Contact us to explore how our expertise and solutions can help.

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