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Cyber Assessment Framework for Local Government

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The **Local Digital Declaration** is the manifesto of the Local Digital team.

Over 270 councils have signed it, committing to "**design services that best meet the needs of citizens**" that "**protect citizens' privacy and security**", while "**break[ing] dependence on inflexible and expensive technology**".

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By Joe Tidy
Cyber reporter

11 March

Cyber Support

- Conducted a survey of all English councils to gain an understanding of the sector's resilience to malware and ransomware attacks

- Provided over £19.9m funding to over 190 councils - individual action plans and tailored support

- Decreased number of high priority actions over time

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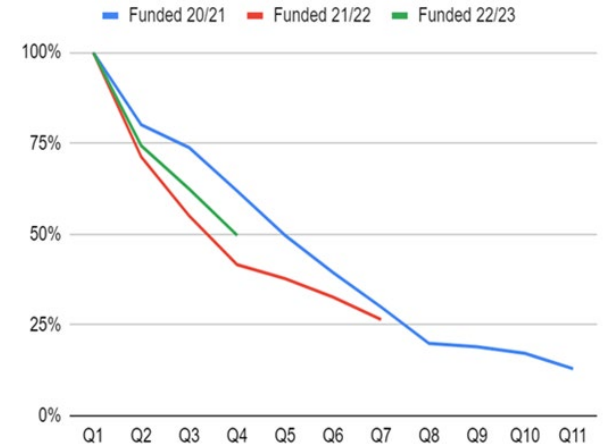
Assessing and managing cyber resilience

What we've done to date and what comes next

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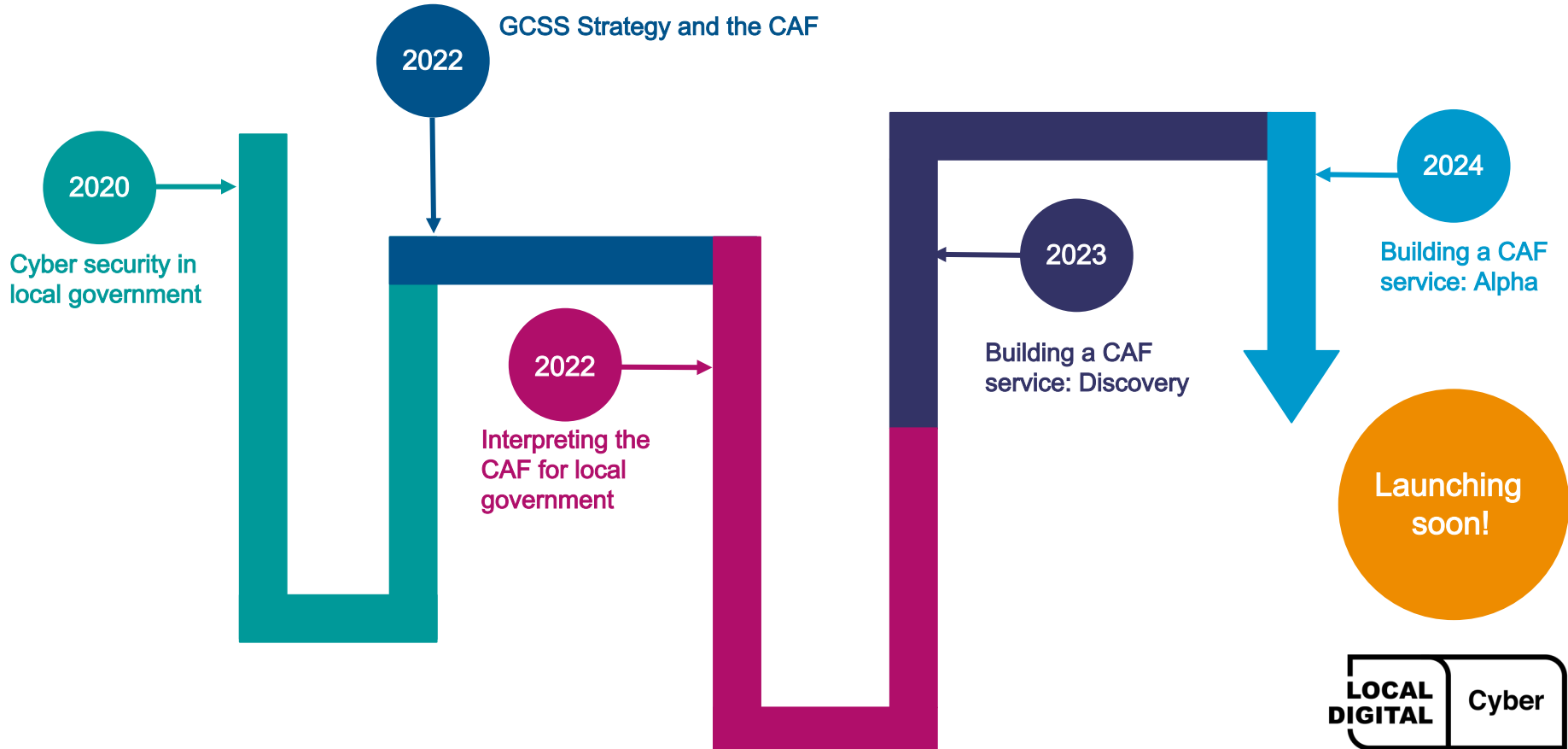
The Cyber Assessment Framework

The Cyber Assessment Framework was developed by NCSC and has been adopted as the **assurance framework for government** .

It's designed to help organisations take a **systematic approach** to assessing the extent to which they are **managing their own cyber security risks** .

Working with councils and cyber security experts, **MHCLG has adapted the CAF** into a tool that addresses the **risks faced by local government** .

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The journey so far…

2020 — Cyber security in local government

2022 — GCSS Strategy and the CAF

2022 — Interpreting the CAF for local government

2023 — Building a CAF service: Discovery

2024 — Building a CAF service: Alpha

Launching soon!

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The Cyber Assessment Framework for local government

The CAF for local government will help councils to:

- Assess their current cyber resilience
- Identify and mitigate vulnerabilities that could disrupt important services

It will also support MHCLG's understanding of cyber security risks and issues within the sector, so that we can consider how to further support councils in addressing these risks.

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Key benefits

The CAF for local government will support councils to:

- identify cyber risks that could disrupt critical services
- improve resilience to potential cyber attacks
- know what areas to prioritise through actionable recommendations, helping councils with time and cost efficiencies
- understand their cyber posture against a national benchmark
- embed a culture of cyber security across the whole organisation - not just within IT teams

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Supporting councils to undertake the CAF for local government

Get CAF Ready

Bespoke one-off and time-limited support to help councils map their network architecture.

Tools to support CAF assessment

Exploring whether there are tools that would support the CAF self-assessment and assurance processes.

Sector and peer support

Helping bring the sector together to provide support to each other.

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