# **High-level principles to support reviews of relevance and usefulness of current and future data reporting**

Data reporting must:

1. Provide a clear line of sight to both NPF and locally defined outcomes
2. Deliver usefulness in informing local decision making and driving self-improvement
3. Ensure proportionality in terms of local burden and resource
4. Ensure re-use of existing data rather than replication or duplication
5. Involve automation of data collection from Local Government rather than manual processes
6. Involve close collaboration between Local Government and Scottish Government throughout the lifecycle of data returns – from development to cessation
7. Include regular review with Local Government to ensure fitness for purpose
8. Provide clarity for local government in terms of the purpose and use of data collected by Scottish Government, and how it is used to strengthen accountability