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SUMMARY

This document is a streamlined version of the Project Report prepared by Oscar Aldred. It is focussed principally on providing a clear explanation of HLC’s methodological history, and on identifying the core components - or most effective aspects - of the HLC method. Part 1 explains how the Review was carried out, Part 2 describes its results, and Part 3 presents a summary of recommendations.

The review supports a companion document, a newly-written Template Project Design for county-level HLC that reflects the Review’s conclusions as well as combining the best approaches of the most recent projects into a single document. This has been written since the Review was completed, and incorporating its findings into an amalgamation of the Method Statement and Project Design of the most recent attribute-based HLC projects. It will be used for future HLC projects, including contributing to new urban characterisation projects. It will be updated as necessary.

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