

Leicestershire County Council Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) scorecard 2008

Overall performance for this Council

This is a council that is **improving strongly** and demonstrating a **4 star** overall performance.



We reached this overall rating by looking at:

- What progress Leicestershire County Council has made in the last year – direction of travel
- How Leicestershire County Council manages its finances and provides value for money – use of resources
- How Leicestershire County Council's main services perform – service performance
- How Leicestershire County Council is run – corporate assessment

Service assessments, use of resources and corporate assessments are scored on the Local Services Inspectorate Forum scale:

- 1 = Inadequate performance – below minimum requirements
- 2 = Adequate performance – only at minimum requirements
- 3 = Performing well – consistently above minimum requirements
- 4 = Performing strongly – well above minimum requirements

Direction of travel

The progress Leicestershire County Council has made in the last year

Direction of travel	2005	2006	2007	2008
This assessment indicates the progress being made, or otherwise, to achieve improvement.	improving well	improving well	improving strongly	improving strongly

The following summary has been provided to support the 2008 direction of travel assessment:

Leicestershire County Council is improving strongly. Outcomes are improving in line with the Council's ambitions. Performance is improving at a faster rate than most other councils and almost all of the Council's own and shared targets are met or exceeded. Educational attainments are improving at all ages with summer 2008 GCSE results exceeding targets. Adults and older people are supported well to achieve independence and take control of their lives. More frail older people live at home and more disabled people are working or volunteering. Road safety, waste recycling and crime are all improving. Local data show that bus use and satisfaction with public transport have also increased. Access to services and engagement with local people are increasing with improved centralised and local facilities. Value for money continues to be excellent. The Council's robust planning framework ensures that it remains focused on continuous improvement with its partners. They have a coherent set of plans with agreed priorities and a shared performance management system that focuses on delivering the shared priorities. Joint working with district councils is beginning to improve. The Council has the capacity to deliver its priorities effectively.

Use of resources

How Leicestershire County Council manages its finances and provides value for money

Use of resources	2005	2006	2007	2008
We have assessed how well the Council manages its finances and provides value for money.	3	3	4	4

This use of resources judgement is drawn from five individual judgements provided by the Council's appointed auditor:

Auditor judgements	2008
Financial reporting	3
Financial management	4
Financial standing	4
Internal control	3
Value for money	4

Service performance

How Leicestershire County Council's main services perform

Service area	2005	2006	2007	2008
Children and young people - The Council's performance in providing children's services, such as children's education and social care. The joint assessment is made by the Commission for Social Care Inspection and Ofsted following a review of the Council's overall performance and key indicators.	3	3	3	3
Culture - The Council's performance in services, such as libraries and leisure, as assessed by the Audit Commission.	3	4	4	4
Environment - The Council's performance in services, such as transport, planning and waste, as assessed by the Audit Commission.	3	3	3	4
Social care (adults) - The Council's performance in adult social care services. The assessment is made by the Commission for Social Care Inspection following a review of the Council's overall performance and key indicators.	3	3	3	3

Corporate assessment

How Leicestershire County Council is run

Corporate assessment	2005-2008
In assessing how the Council is run, the Commission considers what the Council, together with its partners, is trying to achieve; what the capacity of the Council, including its work with partners, is to deliver what it is trying to achieve; and what has been achieved? Under CPA - The Harder Test, corporate assessments were undertaken once for each single tier and county council between 2005 and 2008.	3

Percentage figures may not total 100 per cent due to rounding.

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