



EXECUTIVE BOARD

Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds on
Friday, 8th February, 2008 at 1.00 pm

Councillors

A Carter (Chair)
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CONFIDENTIAL AND EXEMPT ITEMS

The reason for confidentiality or exemption is stated on the agenda and on each of the reports in terms of Access to Information Procedure Rules 9.2 or 10.4(1) to (7). The number or numbers stated in the agenda and reports correspond to the reasons for exemption / confidentiality below:

9.0 Confidential information – requirement to exclude public access

9.1 The public must be excluded from meetings whenever it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that confidential information would be disclosed. Likewise, public access to reports, background papers, and minutes will also be excluded.

9.2 Confidential information means

- (a) information given to the Council by a Government Department on terms which forbid its public disclosure or
- (b) information the disclosure of which to the public is prohibited by or under another Act or by Court Order. Generally personal information which identifies an individual, must not be disclosed under the data protection and human rights rules.

10.0 Exempt information – discretion to exclude public access

10.1 The public may be excluded from meetings whenever it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that exempt information would be disclosed provided:

- (a) the meeting resolves so to exclude the public, and that resolution identifies the proceedings or part of the proceedings to which it applies, and
- (b) that resolution states by reference to the descriptions in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (paragraph 10.4 below) the description of the exempt information giving rise to the exclusion of the public.
- (c) that resolution states, by reference to reasons given in a relevant report or otherwise, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

10.2 In these circumstances, public access to reports, background papers and minutes will also be excluded.

10.3 Where the meeting will determine any person's civil rights or obligations, or adversely affect their possessions, Article 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998 establishes a presumption that the meeting will be held in public unless a private hearing is necessary for one of the reasons specified in Article 6.

10.4 Exempt information means information falling within the following categories (subject to any condition):

- 1 Information relating to any individual
- 2 Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
- 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
- 4 Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or officer-holders under the authority.
- 5 Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
- 6 Information which reveals that the authority proposes –
 - (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment
- 7 Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime

A G E N D A

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10			COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT - 2007 RESULT To receive the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Planning and Improvement) on the arrangements in place for reporting Leeds City Council's Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) judgement for 2007.	1 - 4

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Comprehensive Performance Assessment – 2007 Result

Leeds City Council has been judged to be a **Four Star Council** that is **'improving well'** in the 2007 CPA. This represents a stepped improvement in score from last year, with performance improving from 3 to 4 Stars and Direction of Travel moving from 'improving adequately' to 'improving well'. This overall judgement makes Leeds City Council one of the top performing Councils in the country.

The improved star rating can be directly attributed to the improvement of the Culture score from 2 to 3. However, it is very important to note that there have been improvements in other areas which have resulted in a strengthening and consolidation of our position and significant improvements in outcomes for local people. All our other service block areas maintained a score of 3, but this masks how, in nearly all cases our position was strengthened. For example, our Use of Resources assessment acknowledged some notable achievements including our ethical audit and partnership governance work and our service score for the Housing has improved with more PIs in the higher performance thresholds.

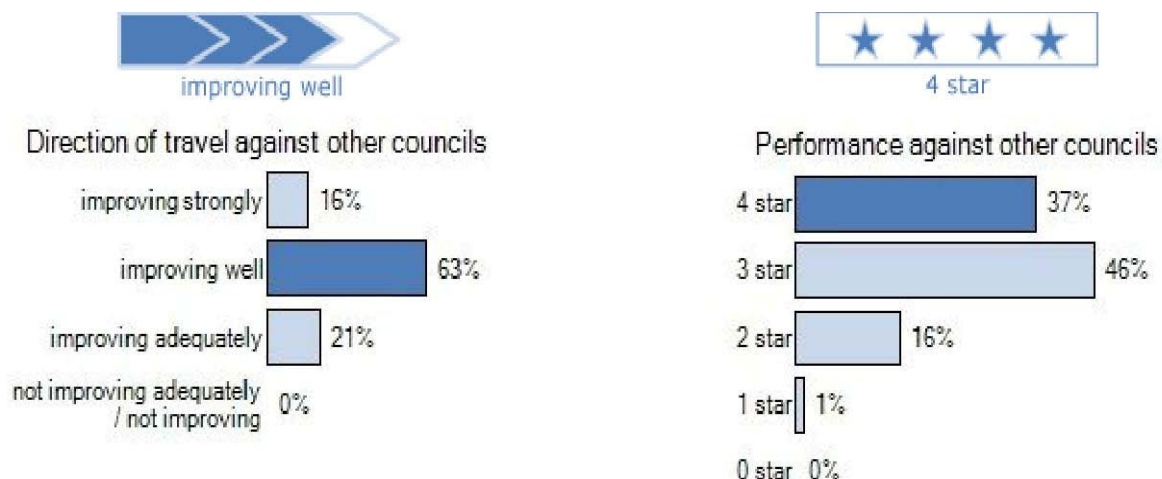
The improvement in the majority of our key PIs over the last year, coupled with the numerous examples of where we have delivered very tangible improvements for local people, are reflected in our improved Direction of Travel (DoT) judgement.

Below is the Leeds City Council CPA scorecard for 2007.

Leeds City Council

Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) scorecard 2007 Overall performance for this Council

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



We reached this overall rating by looking at:

- What progress Leeds City Council has made in the last year – direction of travel

- How Leeds City Council manages its finances and provides value for money – use of resources
- How Leeds City Council's main services perform – service performance
- How Leeds City 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 Leeds City Council has made in the last year

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

The following summary has been provided to support the 2007 direction of travel assessment:

Leeds City Council is improving well. It has made good progress in priority areas. It achieved quality of life improvements for adults in vulnerable circumstances and provided them with good access to services when needed. Education results improved at all key stages. The Council engages well with young people who are traditionally hard to reach although progress in reducing teen pregnancy is slow. People expressed increased satisfaction with services for their communities, for example street cleaning and community safety. Planning, a weaker service, showed some improvement. The Council contributed well to Leeds as a place to live. Overall crime levels fell, road safety got better and environmental performance improved. Communities also benefited from improving housing conditions and neighbourhood improvement. The Council is actively promoting the city and the regional economy but still needs to do more to raise the life prospects for people in the most deprived communities. The Council continues to invest in capacity to drive improvement. Its plans are robust; finances are sound, council tax is relatively low, customer access and value for money are good. It works well with partners to support its strategy in priority areas.

Use of resources How Leeds City Council manages its finances and provides value for money

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

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

Auditor judgements	2007
Financial reporting	3
Financial management	3
Financial standing	3
Internal control	3
Value for money	3

Service performance

How Leeds City Council's main services perform

Service area	2005	2006	2007
Benefits - The Council's performance in providing housing and council tax benefit services. The assessment is made by the Benefit Fraud Inspectorate and is based primarily on achievement against the 2005 housing benefits/council tax benefits performance standards.	3	3	3
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
Culture - The Council's performance in services, such as libraries and leisure, as assessed by the Audit Commission.	4	2	3
Environment - The Council's performance in services, such as transport, planning and waste, as assessed by the Audit Commission.	3	3	3
Housing - The Council's performance in community housing and, where applicable, housing management services, as assessed by the Audit Commission.	3	3	3
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

Corporate Assessment

How Leeds City Council is run

Corporate assessment	2007
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?	3

Score used is from the 2005 corporate assessment.

The way we carried out corporate assessments changed from 2005 onwards. Until 2008, when all councils will have been assessed using the new-style corporate assessment, the CPA category will be based on either its new corporate assessment score or the previous one if that is higher.

Please visit the Audit Commission website (www.audit-commission.gov.uk) for the full version of this scorecard.

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