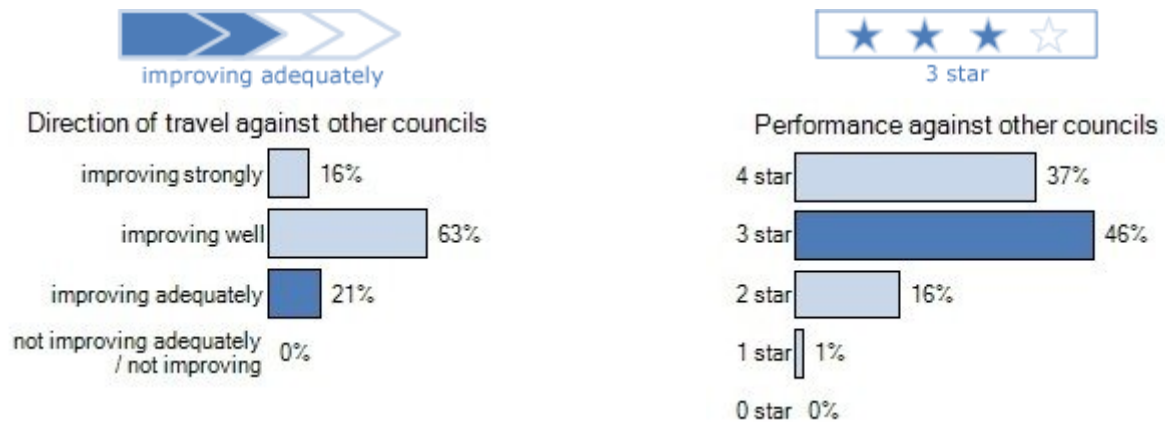


Nottinghamshire County Council

Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) scorecard 2007

Overall performance for this Council

This is a council that is improving adequately and demonstrating a 3 star overall performance.



We reached this overall rating by looking at:

- What progress Nottinghamshire County Council has made in the last year – direction of travel
- How Nottinghamshire County Council manages its finances and provides value for money – use of resources
- How Nottinghamshire County Council's main services perform – service performance
- How Nottinghamshire 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 Nottinghamshire County 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 well	improving adequately

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

Nottinghamshire County Council is improving adequately. Most services have improved, but the pace of change has not kept up with other councils. While 71 per cent of major performance indicators improved between 2005/06 and 2006/07, over half the Council's services are delivering below average outcomes. Improvements across services for children and young people failed to keep up with national trends and these services are now rated only 'adequate', with 'uncertain' prospects for improvement. Internal reorganisation and progress towards reaching a negotiated settlement on 'single status' were both successfully achieved, although they occupied considerable corporate time, and other priorities, such as reducing sickness absence, have progressed more slowly than planned. However, the adult social care strategy is being implemented effectively, with services rated as 'good'. The Council has also reduced its environmental impact. Partnership working remains effective and helps the Council deliver better services, such as concessionary travel and emergency planning. Work is progressing in other partnership areas, including neighbouring councils, the Safeguarding Children Board, and five strategic improvement programmes, but these have yet to make a positive impact in improving outcomes for local people.

Use of resources

How Nottinghamshire County 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	2
Financial management	3
Financial standing	3
Internal control	3
Value for money	3

Service performance

How Nottinghamshire County Council's main services perform

Service area	2005	2006	2007
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	2
Culture - The Council's performance in services, such as libraries and leisure, as assessed by the Audit Commission.	4	4	4
Environment - The Council's performance in services, such as transport, planning and waste, as assessed by the Audit Commission.	4	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

Corporate assessment

How Nottinghamshire County 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 2004 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.

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