

Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames

Culture service assessments

How Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames delivers its culture services

The service assessment is scored on the following 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

Service assessment	2005	2006
The Council's performance in services, such as libraries and leisure, as assessed by the Audit Commission.	3	2

The service assessment is constructed from two elements:

- performance information
- inspection reports

Service assessment elements	weighting	2006
Culture performance information	100%	2
Culture inspection reports	—	—

Key: — = not applicable or no applicable inspections

Culture performance information

Performance on specified performance indicators (PIs) is assessed as above, between or below two levels (thresholds) to make three performance groupings:

- above the upper threshold = comparatively high performance
- between the thresholds
- below the lower threshold = comparatively low performance

The number of PIs in each performance grouping determines the score for the performance information element. For detailed information view the service assessment framework technical guide for CPA 2006 on the Audit Commission website (www.audit-commission.gov.uk).

Performance indicators

Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames scored 2 (out of 4) in the performance information element in the 2006 culture service assessment.

PI	Description	Performance
C1	Percentage of total length of footpaths and other rights of way easy to use by members of the public	above the upper threshold
C4	Active borrowers as a percentage of population	
C15	Museums accreditation – where applicable (this applies to museums that fall under the definition for BVPI 170)	
C19	Percentage of population that are within 20 minutes travel time (urban areas by walk; rural areas by car) of a range of three different sports facility types, of which one has achieved a specified quality assured standard (Non active database)	
C3	Public library service standards on ICT provision – PLSS 3 & 4	between the thresholds
C5	Resident satisfaction sport/leisure facilities	
C6	Resident satisfaction libraries	
C7	Resident satisfaction museums/galleries	
C9	Resident satisfaction parks/open spaces	
C13	Cost per visit (libraries)	
C14a	Public library service standards on satisfaction – assessment of users 16 and over of their library service	
C17	Percentage of adults participating in at least 30 minutes moderate intensity sport and active recreation on three or more days a week (Active people survey)	
C18	Percentage of population volunteering in sport and active recreation for at least one hour per week (Active people survey)	below the lower threshold
C2	Public library service standards on access – PLSS 1, 2 & 6	
C8	Resident satisfaction theatres/concert halls	
C11	Public library service standards on stock – PLSS 5, 9 & 10	
C12	Stock level and stock-turn	
C16	Percentage of 5 to 16 year olds in school sports partnerships engaged in two hours a week minimum on high quality PE and school sport within and beyond the curriculum (School sport and club links survey)	

Culture inspection reports

Inspections were included in this assessment where they covered a substantial area of the culture function and were published between 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2006.

The score is drawn from the current service score (poor to excellent) converted to a score of 1 to 4. The prospects for improvement score is not used in this assessment.

Inspection reports

No applicable inspections.

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