

PUBLIC LIBRARY POSITION STATEMENTS 2003

Authority: Assessor: Code:

OVERALL ASSESSMENTS OF THE 2003 PUBLIC LIBRARY POSITION STATEMENT

1) The quality of the evidence that authorities are providing excellent policies and practice to implement Framework for the Future, in line with local needs.

Assessors are asked to provide their own subjective, professional judgement of the evidence in the public library position statement that the authority is providing policies and practice to implement Framework for the Future, in line with local needs. They should base their judgement on the scores that given to each of chapters 1 and 4 as well as sections 2.2.1 to 2.2.4.

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| The evidence of policies and practice was weak, and the policies and practices themselves, were weak. | The evidence of policies and practice, and the policies and practices themselves, were fair. | The evidence of policies and practice, and the policies and practices themselves, were good. | The evidence of policies and practice, and the policies and practices themselves, were excellent. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

I recommend the following score for the overall quality of the evidence that this authority's public library position statement was aiming to implement the Framework for the Future, in line with local needs.

2) Public Library Standards.

Assessors are asked to consider the authority's approach to meeting the public library standards, including evidence that the authority has demonstrated that resources are adequate. Assessors should include information from the CIPFA survey of public library authorities' performance in relation to the standards in coming to their judgement.

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| The public library position statement demonstrated a weak and unrealistic approach to meeting the Public Library Standards. | The public library position statement demonstrated a fair approach to meeting the Public Library Standards. | The public library position statement demonstrated a good approach to meeting the Public Library Standards. | The public library position statement demonstrated an excellent approach to meeting the Public Library Standards. |
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I recommend the following score for the quality of the evidence that this authority is meeting the public library standards.

SECTION 1 - COMMENTS ON THE PUBLIC LIBRARY POSITION STATEMENT

Assessors are asked to give their overall assessment of the public library position statement as a focussed document demonstrating progress by the authority in shaping and delivering its services in response to the strategies in Framework for the Future, in line with local needs. They should consider the extent to which it is realistic and developmental; the nature of the evidence that the service developments are achievable in managerial and resource terms; and the extent to which the authority has demonstrated that it is aspiring to achieve excellence in the provision of its public library service.

Corporate Vision and Ambition

Comment on the extent to which the statement shows that the authority as a corporate body has taken steps to ensure that its library service is evolving and focusing on public value.

Response to strategies in "Framework for the Future"

Comment on the extent to which the authority has provided evidence that it is seeking to identify and meet local needs, to provide an open, neutral and self help culture, to evolve and improve its library service, and to implement the strategies in Framework for the Future, including pursuing existing strategies mirroring those in Framework for the Future.

SECTION 1 - COMMENTS ON THE PUBLIC LIBRARY POSITION STATEMENT

Response to Public Library Standards

Comment on the extent to which the authority is meeting the public library standards currently. Note any contextual indicators, such as the provision of mobile libraries in relation to PLS 1. Comment on the realism of the authority's proposals to meet any standards not met by March 31st 2003, including the local standards identified in Comprehensive, efficient and modern public libraries.

Presentation

To what extent was the public library position statement well presented ?

Describe how the statement's presentation could be improved if appropriate.

Level of Detail

To what extent did the public library position statement use the number of pages proposed in the Guidance and subsequent advice succinctly ?

SECTION 2 - PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS

Assessors are asked to consider the authority's approach to meeting the public library standards, including evidence that the authority is demonstrating realism and effectiveness in relation to the availability of resources. Assessors should rate the approach to standards in a range of 1 - 4, using the definitions on page 2 of this assessment form. Assessors should consider the following guidance about the nature of the evidence an authority should show to demonstrate that it is providing an excellent approach to meeting the public library standards:

- 24 to 26 of the individual parts of the public library standards (PLS 1 - 18) for which there are measures were met or exceeded by March 31st 2003.
- Local targets were set for all sections in relation to "Comprehensive, efficient and modern public libraries" and at least 3 were met.
- Proposals to meet targets are convincing.
- Targets are developmental and challenging.

| PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS | SCORE | ITEM COVERED ? | ASSESSOR'S COMMENTS | NOTES OF GOOD PRACTICE (Bookmarked) |
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| <u>Score for the approach to the standards as at 31st March 2003</u> | | | | |
| Is there evidence that the authority intends to meet those standards not met at March 31st 2003 ? | | | | |
| If the authority intends to meet some standards not yet met, but not others, note the standards not intended to be met by March 2004. | | | | |
| If the authority currently achieves high performance against some or all standards, is there evidence that it intends to maintain or improve this performance ? | | | | |

SECTION 2 - PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS

| PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS: LOCAL TARGETS | TARGETS PROVIDED ? | TARGETS MET ? | ASSESSOR'S COMMENTS | NOTES OF GOOD PRACTICE (Bookmarked) |
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| LOCAL TARGETS FOR SERVICE TO CHILDREN. | | | | |
| LOCAL TARGETS FOR SERVICE TO SOCIALLY EXCLUDED PEOPLE. | | | | |
| LOCAL TARGETS FOR SERVICE TO ETHNIC MINORITY COMMUNITIES. | | | | |
| LOCAL TARGETS FOR SERVICE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. | | | | |