

PUBLIC LIBRARY POSITION STATEMENT AND STANDARDS REPORT 2004 ASSESSMENT FORM

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OVERALL ASSESSMENTS OF THE 2004 PUBLIC LIBRARY POSITION STATEMENT AND STANDARDS REPORT

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 and standards report that the authority is providing policies and practice to implement Framework for the Future, in line with local needs and the corporate vision. They should base their judgement on the published assessment framework.

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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. |
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I recommend the following score for the overall evidence that this authority's public library position statement and standards report demonstrated that the authority was implementing the Framework for the Future, in line with local needs and the corporate vision.

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2. Public Library Standards

Assessors are asked to consider the authority's response to the public library standards at March 31st 2004. Assessors should take into account the number of national standards met at March 31st 2004, the progress in meeting the national standards since March 2001, the distance from the standards measure for any standards not met at March 31st 2004, and the progress in setting and meeting local standards at March 31st 2004. Assessors should base their judgement on the published assessment framework, using the weighting for the individual section scores in coming to this overall score.

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| The public library position statement and standards report demonstrated a weak response to the Public Library Standards, (national and local) | The public library position statement and standards report demonstrated a fair response to the Public Library Standards, (national and local) | The public library position statement and standards report demonstrated a good response to the Public Library Standards, (national and local) | The public library position statement and standards report demonstrated an excellent response to the Public Library Standards, (national and local) |
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I recommend the following score for the evidence of this authority's response to the public library standards as at March 31st 2004, including local targets, progress since national standards were introduced in January 2001.

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**SECTION 1 - COMMENTS ON THE PUBLIC LIBRARY POSITION STATEMENT AND
STANDARDS REPORT**

Assessors are asked to give their overall assessment of the Public Library Position Statement and Standards Report 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 and the corporate vision. They should consider the extent to which the Statement 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. They should base their judgement on the published assessment framework.

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| <p><u>Corporate vision and ambition</u></p> | |
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**Response to
strategies in
Framework for
the Future**

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SECTION 2 - COMMENTS ON 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. They should base their judgement on the published assessment framework.

**Response to public
library standards at
March 31st 2004
(PLS 1 to 18 less
PLS 10 and PLS 16,
plus local targets)**

End of sections for publication