

PUBLIC LIBRARY POSITION STATEMENT AND STANDARDS REPORT **2004** **ASSESSMENT FORM**

AUTHORITY	Code	Assessor
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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.

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 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.

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)
1	2	3	4

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.

<p><u>Corporate vision and ambition</u></p>	<p>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, is responding well to the authority's corporate agendas, focusing on public value, and identifying and meeting local needs</p>
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**Response to
strategies in
Framework for
the Future**

Comment on the extent to which the authority has provided evidence that it is seeking provide an open, neutral and self help culture, to 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.

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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.

<p><u>Response to public library standards at March 31st 2004 (PLS 1 to 18 less PLS 10 and PLS 16, plus local targets)</u></p>	<p>Comment on the extent to which the authority is meeting the national public library standards and local targets at March 31st 2004, and the extent of the progress the authority has made to meet the standards since March 2001. Note any contextual indicators, such as the provision of mobile libraries in relation to PLS 1. Also note any standards where the authority has made significant progress towards the target since 2001, but has not yet met the standard.</p>
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End of sections for publication

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SECTION 3 – ASSESSMENT OF INDIVIDUAL ASPECTS

Assessors should consider the extent to which this authority has provided evidence that it is seeking to provide excellent policies and practice to implement Framework for the Future, in line with local needs and the corporate vision. Assessors should note examples of good practice, and bookmark the electronic version of the authority's public library position statement and standards report. Assessors should provide scores in the range 1 to 4 for chapter 1 and for each of the sections 2.1 to 2.4, 3.1 to 3.4 and 4.1 to 4.4. They should use the scoring definitions on page 1 of this assessment. They should base their judgement on the published assessment framework.

Chapter	Score	Assessor's comments (if any)	Notes of good practice (bookmarked)
1. Corporate vision			
2. Response to Framework for the Future			
2.1 Books, reading and learning			
2.2 Digital citizenship			

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Chapter	Score	Assessor's comments (if any)	Notes of good practice (bookmarked)
2.3 Community and civic values			
2.4 Building capacity to deliver transformation			

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3. Response to national public library standards and local targets				
Chapter	Score	Assessor's comments (if any)	Notes of good practice (bookmarked)	
3.1 National public library standards (PLS 1 – 18 minus PLS 10 and 16) met at March 31 st 2004.				
3.2 Progress in meeting national public library standards since March 31 st 2001. (PLS 1 – 18 minus PLS 1 (ii), 2 (i), 2 (ii), 3 (ii), 10 and 16, for which no standard measures were set in 2001)				
3.3 National public library standards. (PLS 1 – 18 minus PLS 10 and 16) No. of any standards not met at March 31 st 2004 that were within 5% of the standard measure.				
	Local targets provided for 2003/04?	Local targets met?		
3.4.a Local targets for service to children	YES/NO/SOME	YES/NO/SOME		

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Chapter		Score	Assessor's comments (if any)	Notes of good practice (bookmarked)
3.4.b Local targets for service to socially excluded people	YES/NO/SOME	YES/NO/SOME		
3.4.c Local targets for service to ethnic minority communities	YES/NO/SOME	YES/NO/SOME		
3.4.d Local targets for service to people with disabilities	YES/NO/SOME	YES/NO/SOME		
3.4 Local targets score				

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Chapter	Score	Assessor's comments (if any)	Notes of good practice (bookmarked)
4. Resources			
4.1 Spaces			
4.2 Stock			
4.3 Staffing			
4.4 ICT			

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SECTION 4 - ADVICE TO THE AUTHORITY

To be used in relation to authorities for which an assessor has given an overall score of 1 or 2 for either the response to Framework for the Future or the response to the public library standards.

Assessors are asked to note any areas of the public library position statement and standards report to which they consider that this authority could make significant improvements in its approach, referring to the appropriate section of the 2004 guidance. Assessors should propose an action plan for the authority to improve its statement if they consider that this is appropriate.

