



Executive
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**Report from the Director of
Policy and Regeneration**

For Action

Wards Affected:
ALL

**Best Value Performance Indicators 2004/05
Comparison Report**

Forward Plan Ref: PRU-05/06-14

1.0 Summary

1.1 This report introduces the Comparison Report on Brent Council's Best Value Performance Indicators 2004/05

1.2 The report contains:

1. Graphs showing Brent's comparative performance for Best Value Performance Indicators 2004/05
2. Each graph is colour coded indicating quartile performance.

Green	Top	Blue where performance falls within the median (normal performance quartile range)	Red	Bottom
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The quartile range assessment is based on the following:

Top quartile must be the exact figure as required by ODPM or above

Bottom quartile is where the figure is below that required by ODPM with the remaining data grouped as mid range.

(Where no ranking is applicable Brent's performance is shown as a blue stripe)

3. To support the graphic information the following has been included:

- Position against all London boroughs and our family/neighbours
- Historic performance where available
- Direction of travel, performance in 2004/05 against 2003/04
- ODPM quartile measure i.e. good performance is considered high for this indicator or low is good.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Members of the Executive are recommended to:

Note the council's performance against key performance indicators.

3.0 Considerations

3.1 Whilst the indicators do show some comparisons, the applicability is limited as they refer to the financial year 2004/05, and in some cases the information is up to two years old. Thus the information is not as accurate an indicator of current performance as we would perhaps like.

3.2 It should be noted that performance against many indicators has improved dramatically since 2004/05- for example on recycling.

3.3 Some PIs are not easily compared between Boroughs (for example the cost of Waste Collection), because of the very different methods used to gather the performance information, and they are the subject of continuing discussion between Local Government organisations and the Audit Commission.

3.4 This data has been verified by the ODPM (Office of the Deputy Prime Minister) and released for publication by the Audit Commission on 16 January 2006.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 None, directly arising from the report

6.0 Diversity Implications

6.1 The BVPIs contain a number of diversity BVPIs, addressing gender, ethnic background and disabilities in employment. There are targets and plans ensuring women and people from ethnic minorities are properly represented among council employees. There are BVPIs relating to the Equality Standard and the duty to promote race equality.

7.0 Background Information

Further information can be obtained from Ann Kenny (Policy & Regeneration Unit) on 020 8937 1033.

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