



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

Wards Affected:
None

**Best value performance indicators
A comparison of Brent's performance 2006 - 2007**

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1.0 Summary

- 1.1 Each year the council reports against a set of national measures called best value performance indicators. Once this information has been audited, it is available for all councils to use to enable them to analyse how well they are performing compared to other councils. The Audit Commission have recently released the data for 2006/07. While this information is nearly a year old now, it is still a very useful gauge of how well the council is performing. This information is also widely used by government agencies and inspection bodies to judge how well the council is performing.
- 1.2 This report assesses whether Brent is performing within the top, middle or lower quartile for each indicator and whether performance has improved or declined since the previous year.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Executive are recommended to note how the council's performance compares nationally against the set of best value performance indicators.

3.0 Overall trends

- 3.1 Compared to 2005/06, the percentage of indicators in the top quartile has decreased from 30% to 23%. During this same period, 52% of indicators improved and 13% stayed the same. This means that the council is improving, but not at the same rate as other councils and not at the same rate as previous years. Between 2003/04 and 2004/05, 58% of BVPIs improved and 16% stayed the same.
- 3.2 The percentage of indicators in the bottom quartile has remained largely the same, decreasing from 25% to 24%.

4.0 Financial Implications

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

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

6.0 Diversity Implications

6.1 This report includes our performance against a series of indicators covering race, gender and disability.

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