

The CPA results for 2008

The full scores for all 150 single-tier authorities for the Comprehensive Performance Assessments, 2008.

The last-ever Comprehensive Performance Assessments have seen a heartening increase in scores. A total of 35 councils were 'improving strongly' in 2008, and 62 councils – or 42% – were four star.

However, a week is a long time in local government. The data collected by the Audit Commission pre-dates

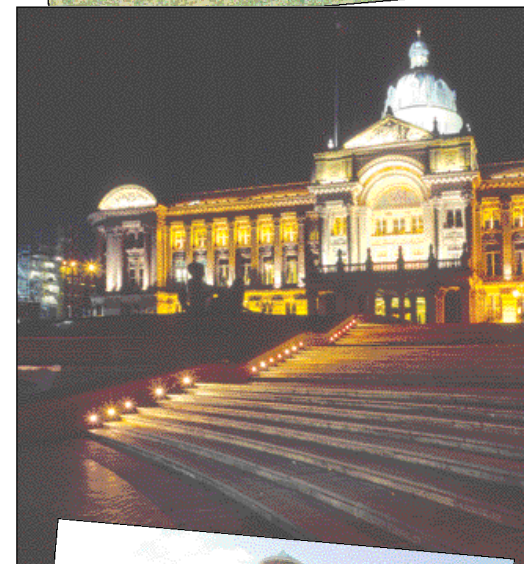
the beginning of the recession, and while it may give an indication of council's abilities, the economic downturn will give councils further difficulties to overcome.

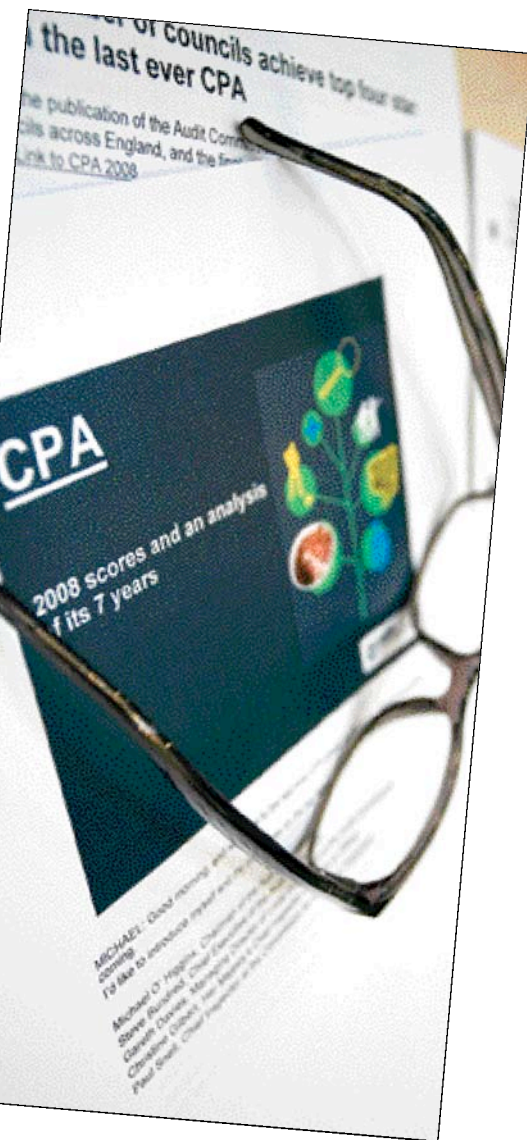
Chief executive of the commission, Steve Bundred, said: 'I don't think there's a direct correlation between the amount of money a council spends and the quality of services.' But he warned that a lack of cash would

not be an excuse for a fall in services next year.

Local government minister, John Healey, said the assessment 'highlighted the improvements councils have made in recent years'. He said: 'Local authorities and the rest of the public sector all need to deliver top-class services for their residents, who are relying on them more than ever in today's economic climate.'

Name of council	Star category	Direction of travel	2007 star rating
Barking and Dagenham	4 star	Improving strongly	3 star
Bexley	4 star	Improving well	4 star
Blackburn with Darwen	4 star	Improving well	4 star
Bolton	4 star	Improving strongly	4 star
Brighton and Hove	4 star	Improving well	3 star
Bromley	4 star	Improving well	3 star
Buckinghamshire	4 star	Improving well	3 star
Bury	4 star	Improving well	2 star
Camden	4 star	Improving strongly	4 star
Corporation of London	4 star	Improving strongly	4 star
Coventry	4 star	Improving well	3 star
Darlington	4 star	Improving strongly	4 star
Derby	4 star	Improving well	4 star
Derbyshire	4 star	Improving well	4 star
Devon	4 star	Improving well	3 star
Dudley	4 star	Improving well	4 star
Durham County	4 star	Improving well	4 star
Ealing	4 star	Improving strongly	3 star
East Riding of Yorkshire	4 star	Improving strongly	4 star
East Sussex	4 star	Improving well	3 star
Enfield	4 star	Improving well	3 star
Halton	4 star	Improving well	4 star
Hammersmith & Fulham	4 star	Improving strongly	4 star
Hampshire	4 star	Improving strongly	4 star
Hartlepool	4 star	Improving strongly	4 star
Hounslow	4 star	Improving well	3 star
Islington	4 star	Improving strongly	3 star
Kensington and Chelsea	4 star	Improving strongly	4 star
Kent	4 star	Improving strongly	4 star
Kirklees	4 star	Improving adequately	4 star
Knowsley	4 star	Improving well	-
Leicestershire	4 star	Improving strongly	4 star
Lewisham	4 star	Improving well	4 star
Meriton	4 star	Improving strongly	3 star
Middlesbrough	4 star	Improving strongly	4 star
Norfolk	4 star	Improving well	3 star
North Yorkshire	4 star	Improving strongly	4 star
Northumberland	4 star	Improving well	4 star
Nottinghamshire	4 star	Improving well	3 star
Poole	4 star	Improving well	4 star
Richmond	4 star	Improving strongly	3 star
Sefton	4 star	Improving well	4 star
Sheffield	4 star	Improving well	4 star
Shropshire +	4 star	Improving well	4 star
Somerset	4 star	Improving strongly	4 star
South Gloucestershire	4 star	Improving strongly	3 star
South Tyneside	4 star	Improving strongly	4 star
St Helens	4 star	Improving well	4 star
Stockport	4 star	Improving strongly	4 star
Stockton-on-Tees	4 star	Improving well	4 star
Suffolk	4 star	Improving well	4 star
Sunderland	4 star	Improving well	4 star
Sutton	4 star	Improving strongly	4 star
Tameside	4 star	Improving well	4 star
Tower Hamlets	4 star	Improving well	3 star
Wakefield	4 star	Improving well	3 star
Waltham Forest	4 star	Improving well	3 star
Wandsworth	4 star	Improving strongly	4 star
Warrington	4 star	Improving well	4 star
Westminster	4 star	Improving strongly	4 star
Wigan	4 star	Improving well	4 star
Worcestershire	4 star	Improving strongly	4 star
Barnet	3 star	Improving strongly	4 star
Barnsley	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Bath & North East Somerset	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Bedfordshire	3 star	Not reported	3 star
Blackpool	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Bournemouth	3 star	Improving well	2 star





Clockwise from above, left: Surrey, 'not improving adequately' with one star; Birmingham, two stars and 'improving well'; four stars for Barking, 'improving strongly'; and Thurrock, two stars and 'not improving adequately'



Name of council	Star category	Direction of travel	2007 star rating
Bracknell Forest	3 star	Improving well	4 star
Brent	3 star	Improving strongly	3 star
Calderdale	3 star	Improving adequately	4 star
Cambridgeshire	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Cheshire	3 star	Not reported	4 star
Cornwall +	3 star	Not improving adequately	3 star
Croydon	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Dorset	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Essex	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Gateshead	3 star	Improving well	4 star
Gloucestershire	3 star~	Improving well	3 star
Greenwich	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Hackney	3 star	Improving strongly	3 star
Havering	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Hertfordshire	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Kingston upon Hull	3 star	Improving well	2 star
Kingston upon Thames	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Lambeth	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Lancashire	3 star	Improving adequately	4 star
Leeds	3 star	Improving adequately	4 star
Luton	3 star	Improving adequately	3 star
Manchester	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Medway	3 star	Improving adequately	3 star
Newham	3 star	Improving adequately	3 star
North Lincolnshire	3 star	Improving well	4 star
North Somerset	3 star	Improving strongly	3 star
North Tyneside	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Oxfordshire	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Peterborough	3 star	Improving adequately	3 star
Portsmouth	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Reading	3 star	Improving adequately	3 star
Redbridge	3 star	Improving strongly	3 star
Rochdale	3 star	Improving well	2 star
Rotherham	3 star	Improving adequately	4 star
Rutland	3 star	Improving well	1 star
Salford	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Slough	3 star	Improving adequately	2 star
Solihull	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Southampton	3 star	Improving well	4 star
Southend-on-Sea	3 star	Improving strongly	3 star
Southwark	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Staffordshire	3 star	Improving strongly	2 star
Telford and Wrekin	3 star	Improving well	4 star
Trafford	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Walsall	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Warwickshire	3 star	Improving well	3 star
West Berkshire	3 star	Improving strongly	3 star
West Sussex	3 star	Improving well	4 star
Wiltshire+	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Windsor & Maidenhead	3 star	Improving well	3 star
Wirral	3 star	Improving well	2 star
Birmingham	2 star	Improving well	3 star
Bradford	2 star	Improving adequately	3 star
Bristol	2 star	Improving well	2 star
Cumbria	2 star	Improving well	2 star
Harrow	2 star	Improving well	2 star
Herefordshire	2 star	Improving well	2 star
Hillingdon	2 star	Improving well	2 star
Isle of Wight	2 star	Improving adequately	2 star
Leicester	2 star	Improving adequately	3 star
Lincolnshire	2 star~	Improving well	2 star
Liverpool	2 star	Improving well	1 star
Newcastle upon Tyne	2 star	Improving well	3 star
North East Lincolnshire	2 star	Improving adequately	2 star
Northamptonshire	2 star	Improving adequately	2 star
Nottingham	2 star	Improving well	2 star
Oldham	2 star	Improving adequately	2 star
Plymouth	2 star	Improving well	2 star
Redcar and Cleveland	2 star	Improving well	4 star
Sandwell	2 star	Improving well	2 star
Stoke on Trent	2 star	Improving strongly	3 star
Swindon	2 star	Improving well	2 star
Thurrock	2 star	Not improving adequately	2 star
Torbay	2 star	Improving well	2 star
Wokingham	2 star	Improving adequately	3 star
Wolverhampton	2 star	Improving well	3 star
York	2 star	Improving adequately	3 star
Doncaster	1 star	Not improving adequately	3 star
Haringey	1 star	Not improving adequately	3 star
Milton Keynes	1 star	Not improving adequately	3 star
Surrey	1 star~	Not improving adequately	3 star
Isles of Scilly		Improving adequately	

+ Councils that have not received a new-style corporate assessment due to local government reorganisation

n/a Not applicable

~ The star rating is subject to the outcome of judicial review