

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority

Fire and rescue performance framework 2006/07

Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) for Fire and Rescue Authorities was introduced in 2005 when each authority was given a corporate assessment rating of either excellent, good, fair, weak or poor. Inspectors looked at issues like staff training, budget management and the way the service works within the community to make it safer and prevent fires from happening in the first place.

Now additional elements have been introduced to give an overall assessment of services:

- What progress the Authority made in the last year
- How the Authority manages its finances and provides value for money
- A fire service assessment focusing on outcomes that includes an operational assessments of service delivery (OASD), which has been carried out by the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG).

Fire service assessment scores are published in February 2007. The Audit Commission will publish all other performance elements in April 2007 showing the overall assessment as well as the three component scores.

Fire and rescue service assessments

How Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority delivers its fire and rescue service

The service assessment is scored on the following scale:

- 1 = Inadequate performance - below minimum requirements
- 2 = Adequate performance - only at minimum requirements
- 3 = Performing well - consistently above minimum requirements
- 4 = Performing strongly - well above minimum requirements

Service assessment	2006
The overall service assessment is the Authority's performance in delivering the fire and rescue service and is constructed from two elements: performance indicators (PIs) and the OASD.	4

Fire and rescue CPA 2005

How Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority performed in 2005

CPA 2005	2005
We assessed the Authority on the way it was run and the delivery of its services. Our corporate assessment did not give an opinion on how well the fire and rescue service responded to emergency incidents. The assessment provided a baseline measurement that helps fire and rescue authorities focus on improvement. Fire and Rescue CPA 2005 was scored on the scale Poor/Weak/Fair/Good/Excellent.	good

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