

Fife Council

Information on council performance comes from statutory performance indicators, value for money and other reports. **All** of these must be taken into account in considering how a council is performing. Further details about all of the information below are available in Section 1 of this document.

Contextual data

- total resident population 356,740
- number of households 164,009
- Grant Aided Expenditure for 2006/2007 (£'000) 604,941
- Band D Council Tax for 2006/2007 (£) 1,091

Statutory Performance Indicators - summary information

The council's performance worsened by 5% or more on 12 measures, and improved by 5% or more on 21 measures.

	Measures that worsened by...			Measures that improved by...		
	>15%	10-14%	5-9%	5-9%	10-14%	>15%
Scotland	7	3	3	3	3	12
Fife	8	2	2	5	5	11

A full set of the SPI measures used for this analysis is included at the end of the profile.

In 2003/04 this council had a ranking of 25 or below in indicators 5, 19, 20, 30, 38, 45, 61, 65 and 71. By 2005/06, they had not improved by at least 5% in the following indicators:

Indicator number	Indicator definition
5	Privacy - percentage of residential places occupied by other adults that are in single rooms
19	Social enquiry reports - the proportion of reports submitted by the social work department to the courts by the due date
20	Probation - the proportion of new probationers seen by a supervising officer within one week

Progress towards Best Value

Between 1999 and 2002, the Accounts Commission's Performance Management and Planning (PMP) audit assessed the arrangements that councils' had in place to manage their performance under Best Value. It examined the extent to which councils and their various services had in place the basic building blocks for Best Value, in particular the key management processes required. Comment on the findings of the PMP Audit for the council may be found in the Profiles for 2001/02.

The PMP audits have been superseded by a cyclical programme of Best Value and Community Planning audits. This programme began in early 2004 and aims to cover all 32 councils over three years.

Accounts Commission/Audit Scotland reports (April 2005 to October 2006)

- There were no Accounts Commission statutory reports published on this council during the time period
- The appointed auditor's report on the council's financial statement for the year was unqualified
- There were no reports published during this period that made reference to the comparative performance of councils.

More information about the work of the Accounts Commission and Audit Scotland are available at www.audit-scotland.gov.uk

Inspectorates (April 2005 to October 2006)

- HM Inspectorate of Education did not undertake a QMiE inspection of the council's education service during this period. More information is available at: www.hmie.gov.uk
- The Benefit Fraud Inspectorate did not undertake an inspection of the council during this time period. More information is available at www.bfi.gov.uk
- The Social Work Inspection Agency has not published a report relating to this council. More information is available at: www.swia.gov.uk
- Communities Scotland did not undertake an inspection of the council during this time period. More information is available at: www.communitiesscotland.gov.uk
- The Food Standards Agency did not undertake an inspection of the council during this time period. More information is available at www.foodstandards.gov.uk

For more information on the work of Inspectorates in general, please refer to Section 1 of this report.

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (April 2005 to October 2006)

During this period the SPSO published five reports against the council:

- upholding a complaint regarding a planning matter – May 2006
- upholding a complaint regarding a housing matter – May 2006
- partially upholding a case concerning a housing matter – May 2006
- partially upholding a complaint regarding a planning matter – June 2006
- partially upholding a complaint regarding a planning matter – June 2006

More information on the work of the Ombudsman is available at www.spsso.org.uk

Statutory Performance Indicators – list of measures

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	Measure	Rank in 05/06		PI measurement			Better ✓ or worse X since 03/04		
		1-32	✓1-8 X 25-32	03/04	04/05	05/06	5-9%	10-14%	>15%
Adult Social Work									
1	Staff qualification – the percentage of care staff who are qualified, working in care homes for older people	26	X	-	-	21.9			
2	Staff qualification – the percentage of care staff who are qualified, working in care homes for other adults	16		-	-	31.8			
3	Privacy - percentage of residential care places occupied by older people that are in single rooms			94.5	<u>96.4</u>	<u>96.6</u>			
4	Privacy - percentage of residential care places occupied by older people that have en-suite facilities			64.6	<u>75.5</u>	<u>74.3</u>			
5	Privacy - percentage of residential places occupied by other adults that are in single rooms			72.2	<u>98.6</u>	<u>93.4</u>			
6	Privacy - percentage of residential places occupied by other adults that have en-suite facilities			51.0	<u>75.8</u>	<u>55.0</u>			
7	Home care - total hours as a rate per 1,000 population aged 65+	17		593.9	451.7	443.4			X
8	Home care - number of home care clients aged 65+ receiving personal care as a percentage of clients	23		54.4	58.0	59.9		✓	
9	Home care - number of home care clients aged 65+ receiving care in evenings/overnight as a percentage of clients	22		18.5	22.1	20.4		✓	
10	Home care - number of home care clients aged 65+ receiving care at weekends as a percentage of clients	22		44.2	47.3	47.5	✓		
11	Respite care - total overnight respite nights provided for older people aged 65+ per 1,000 population	FTR		-	-	FTR			
12	Respite care - percentage of respite nights not in a care home aged 65+	FTR		-	-	FTR			
13	Respite care - total daytime respite hours provided for older people aged 65+ per 1,000 population	FTR		-	-	FTR			
14	Respite care - percentage of daytime respite not in a day centre aged 65+	FTR		-	-	FTR			
15	Respite care - total overnight respite nights provided for people aged 18-64 per 1,000 population	FTR		-	-	FTR			
16	Respite care - percentage of respite nights not in a care home aged 18-64	FTR		-	-	FTR			
17	Respite care - total daytime respite hours provided for people aged 18-64 per 1,000 population	FTR		-	-	FTR			
18	Respite care - percentage of daytime respite not in a day centre aged 18-64	FTR		-	-	FTR			
19	Social enquiry reports - the proportion of reports submitted by the social work department to the courts by the due date	30	X	91.6	93.3	87.8			
20	Probation - the proportion of new probationers seen by a supervising officer within one week	26	X	52.6	58.8	53.9			
21	Community service - the average hours per week taken to complete community service orders	20		3.6	3.8	3.0			X

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Benefits Administration									
22	Administration costs - the overall gross administration cost (£) per council tax or housing benefit application	20		46.93	49.48	61.85			X
23	New claims - the average time (days) taken to process new claims	32	X	-	-	52.3			
24	Accuracy and security of processing - percentage of cases for which the calculation of benefit due was correct.	6	✓	99.4	99.3	99.0			
Education & Children's Services									
25	Primary schools - the percentage of schools in which the ratio of pupils to available places is between 61% and 100%	11		68.3	77.1	73.4	✓		
26	Secondary schools - the percentage of schools in which the ratio of pupils to available places is between 61% and 100%	17		89.5	84.2	78.9		X	
27	Supervision - percentage of children made subject to a supervision order that were seen by a supervising officer within 15 days	13		82.9	97.5	90.8	✓		
28	Staff qualification – the percentage of care staff in residential homes for children who are qualified	23		-	-	12.2			
29	Privacy - percentage of residential places occupied by children that are single rooms	13		93.5	96.0	96.7			
30	Privacy - percentage of residential places occupied by children that have en-suite facilities	26	X	0.0	4.0	9.9			✓
31	Respite care - total overnight respite nights provided per 1,000 population	FTR		-	-	FTR			
32	Respite care - percentage of respite nights not in a care home	FTR		-	-	FTR			
33	Respite care - total daytime respite hours provided for children per 1,000 population	FTR		-	-	FTR			
34	Respite care - percentage of daytime respite hours provided not in a day centre	FTR		-	-	FTR			
Corporate Management									
35	Sickness absence - the percentage of working days lost through sickness absence for chief officers and local government employees	22		-	6.1	5.7			
36	Sickness absence - the percentage of working days lost through sickness absence for craft employees	24		-	7.5	7.3			
37	Sickness absence - the percentage of working days lost through sickness absence for teachers	17		4.2	4.0	3.9	✓		
38	Litigation claims - number of claims per 10,000 population	20		57.2	58.4	30.2			✓
39	Equal opportunities policy - percentage of highest paid 2% of earners among council employees that are women	12		27.2	29.5	32.5			✓
40	Equal opportunities policy - percentage of highest paid 5% of earners among council employees that are women	4	✓	36.5	39.2	42.1			✓
41	Public access - percentage of public service buildings that are suitable and accessible to disabled people	30	X	-	7.4	7.4			
42	Council tax - the cost of collecting council tax per dwelling (£) (see note 2)	14		-	11.74	13.13			
43	Council tax - the percentage of council tax income for the year that was collected in the year (see note 2)	21		93.0	93.9	94.0			
44	Non-domestic rates - percentage of income due from non-domestic rates that was received by the end of the year	14		96.1	96.1	97.0			
45	Invoice payment - the percentage of invoices paid within 30 days	10		71.0	76.0	87.2			✓

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		1-32	✓1-8 X 25-32	03/04	04/05	05/06	5-9%	10-14%	>15%
Cultural and Community Services									
46	Sport and Leisure Management - the number of attendances per 1,000 population for all pools	16		3,514	3,642	3,417			
47	Indoor facilities - the number of attendances per 1,000 population	8	✓	4,862	5,310	5,117	✓		
48	Stock turnover – the percentage of the national target met for replenishing lending stock for adults	21		51.8	65.0	58.0		✓	
49	Stock turnover – the percentage of the national target met for replenishing lending stock for children and teenagers	8	✓	68.8	77.8	84.7			✓
50	Use of libraries – the number of borrowers as a percentage of the resident population	26	X	21.2	21.2	20.2			
51	Use of libraries – the average number of issues per borrower	3	✓	31.6	30.8	30.1			
52	Learning centre and learning access points - number of users as a percentage of the resident population	24		5.2	7.5	7.7			✓
53	Learning centre and learning access points - number of time terminals are used per 1,000 population	16		507.1	730.3	789.1			✓
Development Services									
54	Processing time – the percentage of householder applications dealt with within two months	29	X	85.7	79.1	64.0			X
55	Processing time – the percentage of all applications dealt with within two months	29	X	71.6	64.3	48.2			X
Housing									
56	Tenancy changes - the percentage of rent loss due to voids	20		2.70	2.60	2.30		✓	
57	Tenancy changes - the percentage of dwellings that were not low demand that were re-let within four weeks	17		-	-	43.1			
58	Tenancy changes - the average time to re-let houses that are not low demand	21		-	-	64			
59	Rent arrears - current tenant arrears as a percentage of the net amount of rent due in the year (see note 2)	16		6.8	6.7	6.6			
60	Rent arrears - the percentage of current tenants owing more than 13 weeks' rent at the year end, excluding those owing less than £250 (see note 2)	13		4.4	4.2	4.2			
61	Council house sales - the percentage of sales completed within 26 weeks	4	✓	19.9	76.0	88.9			✓
62	Homelessness - average time between presentation and completion of duty by the council for those cases assessed as homeless or potentially homeless	24		9.5	17.2	22.6			X
63	Homelessness - percentage of cases reassessed as homeless or potentially homeless within 12 months of previous case being completed	18		6.9	8.8	7.7		X	
Protective Services									
64	Food hygiene - the percentage of premises with a minimum inspection frequency of 12 months or less, that were inspected on time	28	X	92.3	96.3	87.0	X		
65	Noise complaints - the percentage of cases settled on first contact that were dealt with on day of receipt	24		61.6	72.3	69.7		✓	
66	Noise complaints - the percentage of cases needing further action, completed within 14 days of receipt	14		52.4	69.3	81.7			✓
67	Consumer complaints - the percentage of complaints processed within 14 days of receipt	27	X	91.5	81.6	61.5			X
68	Business advice requests - the percentage of requests dealt with within 14 days of receipt	18		96.5	97.7	95.0			
69	Inspection of trading premises - the percentage of premises in high and medium risk inspection level that were inspected on time	20		-	81.6	76.5			

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		1-32	✓1-8 ✗ 25-32	03/04	04/05	05/06	5-9%	10-14%	>15%
Roads & Lighting									
70	Carriageway condition - percentage of network that should be considered for maintenance treatment	27	✗	46.0	56.3	50.1	✗		
71	Traffic light repairs - the percentage of repairs completed within 48 hours	22		68.1	94.1	91.6	✓		
72	Street light repairs - the percentage of repairs completed within seven days	18		94.9	92.0	91.3			
73	Road network restrictions - the percentage of council and private bridges assessed that failed to meet the European standard of 40 tonnes	27	✗	-	17.8	17.7			
Waste Management									
74	Refuse collection - the net cost per property (£) of refuse collection (see note 2)	9		-	42.20	44.65			
75	Refuse collection - the net cost per property (£) of refuse disposal (see note 2)	7	✓	-	39.15	49.10			
76	Refuse collection - the number of complaints per 1,000 households	6	✓	8.1	7.9	11.4	✗		
77	Recycling - of the municipal waste collected by the authority, the percentage that was recycled	12		-	25.1	29.7			
78	Cleanliness - overall cleanliness index achieved	26	✗	-	68	68			
		✓1-8	8						
		✗ 25-32	14						

Data features	Symbol	03/04	04/05	05/06
No Service	(NS)	0	0	0
Failure to report	(FTR)	0	0	12
Unreliable data	(underlined)	0	4	4

Notes

1. An underlined measurement indicates unreliable data.
2. This measure is presented in family groups in Section 3.
3. Unreliable data has not been ranked.

Reason for unreliable determination 2005/06

3,4,5,6 - We carried out a review of the system in place to collate the data required for this indicator. While the procedure itself is considered reasonable, it was established following sample testing that the data in the system is unreliable. In particular, testing identified a number of data input errors.

Count of measures showing significant change since 2003/04	
Improvement	
5-9%	5
10-14%	5
>15%	11
Decline	
5-9%	2
10-14%	2
>15%	8