

## East Midlands CPA Results 2006

	2006 Star rating	2006 Direction of travel	2005 Star rating	2005 Direction of travel
Derby City Council	****	Improving Well	****	Improving Well
Derbyshire CC	****	Improving Well	****	Improving Strongly
Leicester City Council	***	N/A	***	Improving Well
Leicestershire CC	****	Improving Well	***	Improving Well
Lincolnshire CC	**	N/A	**	Improving Adequately
Northamptonshire CC	**	N/A	**	Improving Well
Nottingham City Council	**	Improving Adequately	**	Improving Adequately
Nottinghamshire CC	****	Improving Well	****	Improving Well
Rutland CC	*	Improving Adequately	**	Improving Adequately
<b>Average Stars East Midlands Region</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>+/- 0</b>	<b>2.9</b>	
<b>Average Stars East of England Region</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>+ 0.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	
<b>Average Stars West Midlands Region</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>+/- 0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	

## National Overview

Local government continues to rise to the challenge of the annual Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA), with 79 per cent of single tier and county councils reaching the top two star rating categories. However, the Audit Commission has warned of a growing gap between excellent and poor councils as those at the top of the table leave the worst increasingly far behind. The pace of improvement was highest in the top performing councils, while the bottom councils appear to be staying where they are.

For the first time since CPA began in 2002, no councils are in the bottom CPA category and 32 councils have moved up at least one star rating. Councils have shown a particular improvement in their environmental services, with all councils achieving at least 2 out of 4, and 84 per cent performing in the top two categories for environment. One specific success story in this area is recycling, with both councils' performance and user satisfaction with recycling showing an improvement.

Despite an overall picture of improvement, seven councils moved down a star and five councils only achieved 1 star in 2006; however, Rutland County Council's score exposes a weakness in CPA methodology, Rutland CC dropping to a single star while simultaneously 'improving adequately'.

## Regional Overview

The East Midlands results included one significantly improving authority and one deteriorating authority. Leicestershire CC improved from three stars to four, whilst Rutland CC lost a star and became the only East Midland authority to achieve one star status. Four authorities achieved the second highest 'four star - improving well' grade. The West Midlands results mirrored the East Midlands in that one authority significantly improved and one deteriorated, the West Midlands now has two authorities with one star status. Meanwhile, in the East of England, four authorities gained an additional star, and as of 2006 the region no longer has a one star authority.

The following is indicative of regional direction of travel and is an overview only.

Region/Stars	*	**	***	****	Total authorities
East Midlands	1 (11%)	3 (33%)	1 (11%)	4 (44%)	9 (100%)
East of England	0 (0%)	3 (30%)	3 (30%)	4 (40%)	10 (100%)
West Midlands	2 (14%)	2 (14%)	7 (50%)	3 (21%)	14 (100%)