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In our Corporate Plan we said you would know we had made progress because:

- There will be an increased availability of nursery places for 3 year olds.
- Standards of literacy, numeracy, science and ICT will rise in our schools.
- More children will achieve 5 or more GCSE's at grades A*-C.

During the past year we have:

- Continued the trend to increase educational attainment of pupils aged 16 gaining 5 GCSE grades A*-C from 49% in 2000 to 52% in 2003.
- Improved the percentage of 14 year olds gaining Level 5 in Science and Maths. In 2003 72% of pupils achieved Level 5 in both subjects.
- Improved the proportion of 11 year olds achieving Level 4 in Key Stage 2: in English to 76% and Maths to 70%.
- Provided support for high quality, free Early Years Education for all four-year-olds and 85% of three-year-olds within Worcestershire.
- Fully established the 'Voices and Visions' event in the County's Arts Calendar. This is a rich and diverse arts programme aimed at raising community awareness of the arts throughout Worcestershire's schools.
- Undergone an inspection of Worcestershire's Adult and Community Learning Work, Music Service and Youth Service. In all these cases the inspectors found satisfactory and, in many cases, good quality service provision.
- In January 2004 Ofsted inspected Worcestershire's Local Education Authority (LEA). The inspectors judged that overall effectiveness of the LEA, our progress since the last inspection, and the capacity for further improvement were "good".

Key priorities for next year:

To maintain the high level of service provision and the excellent relationships with our schools.

Continue to strengthen Early Years, Lifelong Learning and Youth Service provision.

Continue to support and challenge schools to improve the attainment of all pupils and students.

Continue to implement the programme of area reviews of school organisation, within Worcestershire, including County-wide review of the provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs.

The following table details the Best Value Performance Indicators that are linked to this corporate objective.

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PI No.	PI Definition	2002/2003			All Counties Average
		Target	Outturn	English National Average	
BV 33	Youth Service expenditure per head of population in the Youth Service target age range.	£25.50	£57.77	£90.70	£64.59
BV 34a	Percentage of primary schools with 25% or more of their places unfilled.	10%	12.95%	12%	13%
BV 34b	Percentage of secondary schools with 25% or more of their places unfilled.	8%	8.62%	7%	8%
BV 38	Percentage of 15 year old pupils in schools maintained by the local education authority achieving five or more GCSEs at grades A*-C or equivalent.	54%	52.1%	47%	54%
BV 39	Percentage of 15 year old pupils in schools maintained by the local education authority achieving five GCSEs at grades A*-G including English and Mathematics.	Not set	88.4%	88%	90%
BV 40	Percentage of pupils in schools maintained by the local education authority achieving Level 4 or above in Key Stage 2 Mathematics test.	82%	70.7%	73%	74%
BV 41	Percentage of pupils in schools maintained by the local education authority achieving Level 4 or above in Key Stage 2 English test.	83%	75.1%	74%	76%
BV 43a	Percentage of statements of special educational need issued by the authority in a financial year end prepared within 18 weeks excluding those affected by "exceptions to the rule" under the SEN Code Of Practice.	98%	91%	87%	87%
BV 43b	Percentage of statements of special educational need issued by the authority in a financial year and prepared within 18 weeks including those affected by "exceptions to the rule" under the SEN Code Of Practice.	60%	46.09%	65%	65%
BV 44	Number of pupils permanently excluded during the year from all schools maintained by the local education authority per 1000 pupils at all maintained schools.	1.09	1.66	1.26	1.1

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2003/2004		2004/2005	Medium Target 2005/6 2006/7	Commentary	PI No.
Target	Outturn	Target			
£59.12	£55.17	£60.61	£62.12 £63.67	Reduction in outturn from 2002/03 due to reduction in capital financing element in calculation of total expenditure.	BV 33
10%	14.06%	10%	10% 10%	Indicator has improved from 2002/03.	BV 34a
8%	6.89%	8%	8% 8%	Indicator has improved from 2002/03. This target is considered to be the optimum level of surplus places (as defined by the Audit Commission).	BV 34b
54%	52%	56%	59% 60%		BV 38
91%	89.9%	92%	93% 94%	Indicator has improved from 2002/03.	BV 39
81%	69.6%	85%	85% 85%		BV 40
84%	76%	85%	85% 85%		BV 41
96%	100%	100%	100% 100%	Good performance.	BV 43a
48%	74.1%	80%	85% 90%	Good performance. Targets have been revised to reflect significant improvement in performance.	BV 43b
1.5	1.44	1.2	1.1 1.0	Indicator has improved from 2002/03.	BV 44

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PI No.	PI Definition	2002/2003			All Counties Average
		Target	Outturn	English National Average	
BV 45	Percentage of half days missed due to total absence in secondary schools maintained by the local education authority.	0.5%	0.6%	8.9%	8%
BV 46	Percentage of half days missed due to total absence in primary schools maintained by the local education authority.	0.2%	0.20%	6%	5%
BV 48	Percentage of schools maintained by the local education authority - subject to special measures.	1%	2.19%	1.21%	0.80%
BV 114 Deleted for 2004/05.	The adoption by the authority of a Local Culture Strategy.	Yes	100%	69%	84%
BV 117	The number of physical visits per 1000 population to public library premises.	5510	5509	6431	5606
BV 170a	The number of visits to/usage's of museums per 1000 population.	49.77	50.71	784	350
BV 170b	The number of those visits that were in person per 1000 population.	48.2	45.51	449	161
BV 170c	The number of pupils visiting museums and galleries in organised school groups. (This does not include visits by sixth form colleges or adult education institutions).	N/A	8,296	-	-

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2003/2004		2004/2005	Medium Target 2005/6 2006/7	Commentary	PI No.
Target	Outturn	Target			
0.5%	7.70%	8%	7% 6%	This is a volatile area due to the unpredictable nature of school exclusions.	BV 45
0.2%	5.4%	5%	4% 3%	Indicator definition has changed from measuring unauthorised absences to measuring total absences - comparisons with 2002/03 are not possible. Target for the PI in 2003/04 related to unauthorised absence, not total absences. The targets for this PI have been revised to reflect the changed definition.	BV 46
2%	1.84%	1%	1% 1%		BV 48
100%	100%	N/A	N/A N/A	Full compliance achieved. This indicator has been deleted for 2004/05, and will no longer be monitored as from April 2004.	BV 114 Deleted for 2004/05.
5564	5632.78	5689	5746 5803		BV 117
50.99	109.82	112.92	114.05 115.18	Final figure shows dramatic improvements as 2003/04 outturn now includes web site hits.	BV 170a
46.26	39.89	47.94	48.41 48.90	1) Delays at Hartlebury site have impacted on the targeted increases. 2)The Museum on the Move is shared, with each year split between 3 counties. The times when the vehicle is in each county rotates on a calendar basis, resulting in significant differences between one PI year and the next. In 02/03 Worcestershire had the vehicle for 22 wks, against 9 wks in 03/04.	BV 170b
8,300	9,366	9,553	9648 9744		BV 170c

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PI No.	PI Definition	2002/2003			All Counties Average
		Target	Outturn	English National Average	
BV 181a	Percentage of 14-year old pupils in schools maintained by the local education authority achieving Level 5 or above in the Key Stage 3 test in English.	N/A	66.09%	65%	70%
BV 181b	Percentage of 14-year old pupils in schools maintained by the local education authority achieving Level 5 or above in the Key Stage 3 test in Mathematics.	N/A	68.93%	66%	71%
BV 181c	Percentage of 14-year old pupils in schools maintained by the local education authority achieving Level 5 or above in the Key Stage 3 test in Science.	N/A	69.96%	65%	72%
BV 181d	Percentage of 14-year old pupils in schools maintained by the local education authority achieving Level 5 or above in the Key Stage 3 test in ICT assessment.	N/A	67%	-	-
BV 193a	How the authority's Schools Budget compares with its Schools Funding Assessment (Schools Budget as a percentage of the Schools Funding Assessment).	N/A	N/A	-	-
BV 193b	How the authority's Schools Budget compares with its Schools Funding Assessment (Increase in Schools Budget on the previous year as a percentage of the increase in Schools Funding Assessment on the previous year).	N/A	N/A	-	-
BV 194a	To measure the percentage of pupils achieving Level 5 or above in Key Stage 2 English.	N/A	N/A	-	-
BV 194b	To measure the percentage of pupils achieving Level 5 or above in Key Stage 2 Mathematics.	N/A	N/A	-	-

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2003/2004		2004/2005	Medium Target 2005/6 2006/7	Commentary	PI No.
Target	Outturn	Target			
73%	70%	76%	76% 78%	Improved performance from 2002/03.	BV 181a
74%	72%	77%	77% 78%	Improved performance from 2002/03.	BV 181b
71%	72%	74%	74% 76%	Improved performance from 2002/03.	BV 181c
73%	67%	76%	76% 76%	This is a teacher assessment indicator, as no national test exists yet. The LEA outturn for 2002/03 is 67%.	BV 181d
108%	101.5%	101.4%	100% 100%	New indicator for 2003/04.	BV 193a
103.5%	108.3%	100%	100% 100%	New indicator for 2003/04.	BV 193b
34%	26.4%	36%	36% 36%	New indicator for 2003/04.	BV 194a
31%	25.4%	36%	36% 36%	New indicator for 2003/04.	BV 194b