

Budget & Performance Panel

BVPI Quartile Analysis – Year on Year Comparison

4th April 2006

Report of Best Value Officer

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Members with an analysis of the Council's performance against Statutory Performance Indicators within a national context and to track relative improvement year on year.

This report is public

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- That Members should note this report and may also wish to keep this information to hand for future reference when considering the Council's performance.
- That Members determine if there are any issues arising from the report that need further consideration.

2. Background

At the last meeting of this Committee, Members considered a report comparing Lancaster City Council's performance against that of our most comparable authorities across a range of statutory BVPI's.

At that time a further piece of work was requested identifying how many of our Statutory PI's represented top quartile performance and how this trend may be changing year on year.

The analysis attached at **Appendix A** identifies;

- Quartile performance (or star rating) for each PI
- Number and % of PI's in each quartile
- Compares performance between 2002/03 and 2003/04
- Where possible shows direction of travel

Members should note that it has not been possible to provide a direct comparison in relation to all PI's - some indicators were deleted between years and in some cases the Audit Commission did not choose to make the quartile comparison.

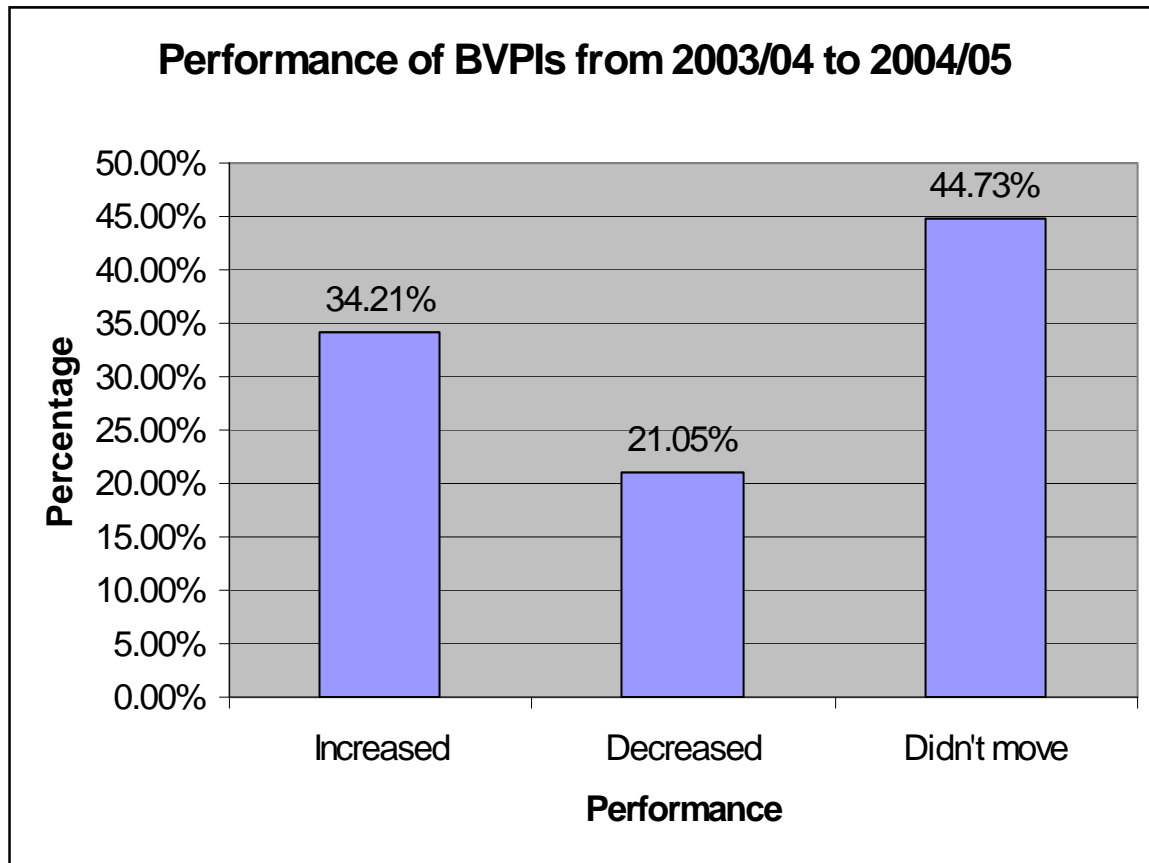
Nonetheless, Members will see that the report indicates a positive direction of travel with more indicators in the top quartile in 2003/04 than the previous year.

The comparison document is attached at **Appendix A**.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	
None	
SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS	
The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.	
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
The Council has a duty to continuously improve within the terms of the Local Government Act 1999 (the duty of Best Value). Legal Services have been consulted and have no further comments.	
MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS	
The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.	
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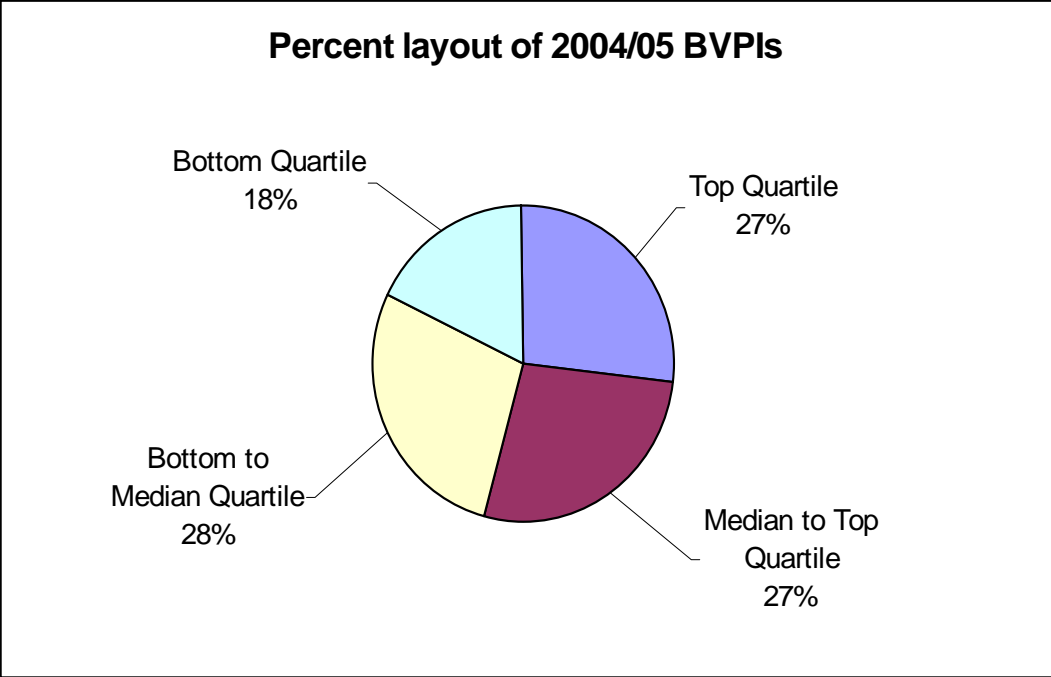
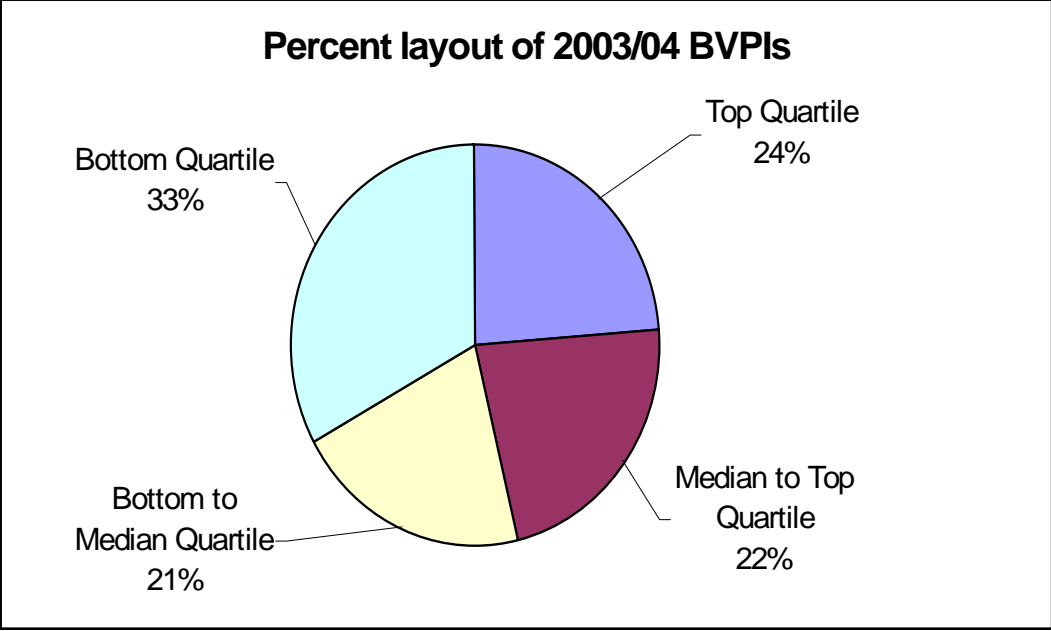
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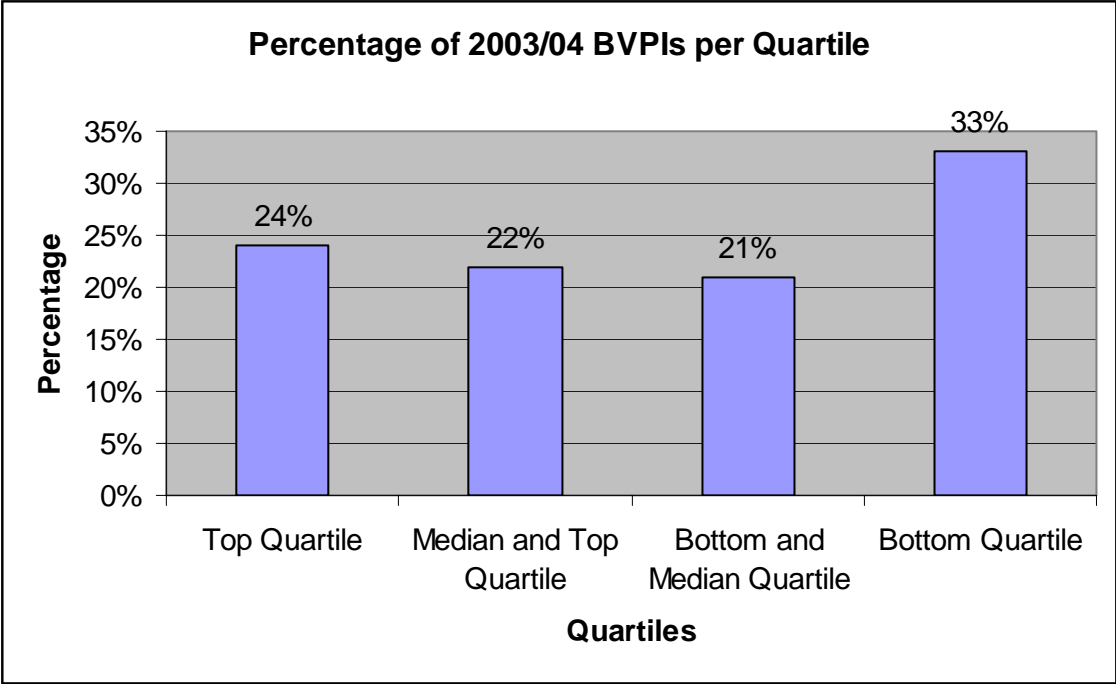
Quartile Analysis BVPI's



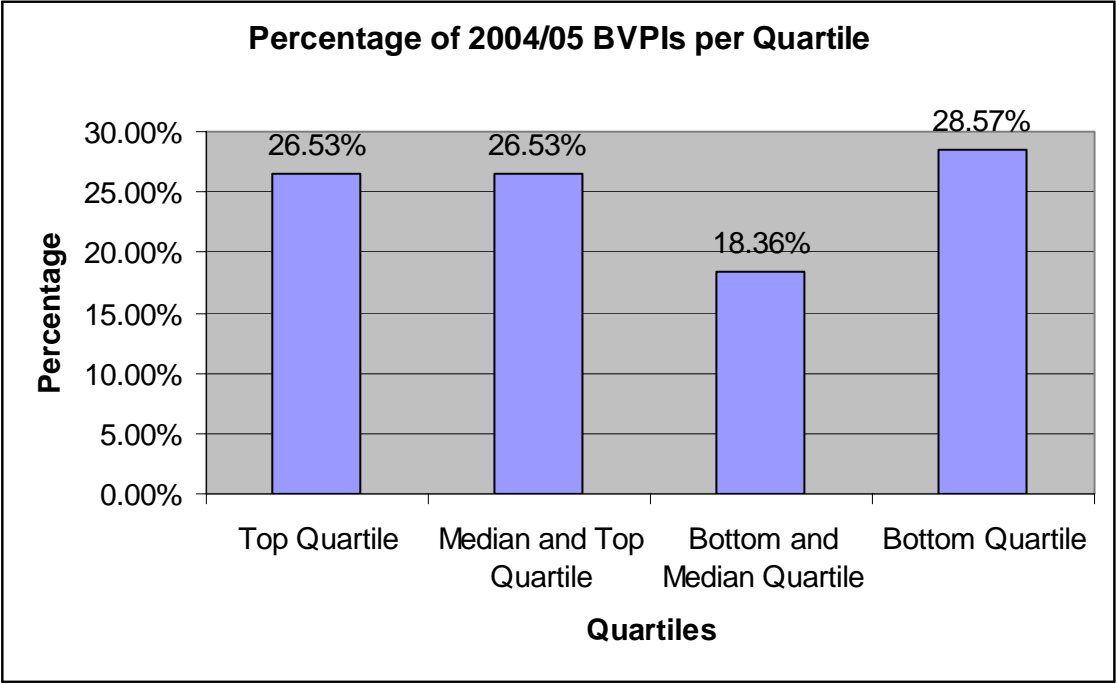
Of the BVPIs measured in 2003/04, some of these were either not carried over to 2004/05 or were not compared across quartiles by the Audit Commission.

BVPI's - % Falling within each quartile





- Out of the 86 BVPIs used in **2003/04** 72 were appropriate for quartile measurement.



- Out of the 63 BVPIs used in **2004/05** 49 were appropriate for quartile measurement.