



2014 CHAPTER 8

PART 12

PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT

Improvement planning and information

Improvement planning and publication of improvement information

92.—(1) A council must make arrangements in accordance with this section for the publication of the information described below.

(2) The council must make arrangements for the publication of—

(a) the council's assessment of its performance during a financial year—

(i) in discharging its duty under section 84;

(ii) in meeting the improvement objectives it has set itself under section 85 which are applicable to that year;

(iii) by reference to performance indicators specified under section 89(1)(a) and self-imposed performance indicators which are applicable to that year;

(iv) in meeting performance standards specified under section 89(1)(b) and self-imposed performance standards which are applicable to that year;

(b) the council's assessment of its performance in exercising its functions during a financial year as compared with—

(i) its performance in previous financial years; and

(ii) so far as is reasonably practicable, the performance during that and previous financial years of other councils;

- (c) details of the information collected under section 90 in respect of a financial year and what the council has done to discharge its duties under section 91 in relation to that year.
- (3) Those arrangements must be framed so that the information is published before—
- (a) 30th September in the financial year following that to which the information relates; or
 - (b) such other date as the Department may specify by order.
- (4) The council must make arrangements for the publication of a description of the council's plans for discharging its duties under sections 84(1), 85(2) and 89(5) in a financial year together with, if the council thinks fit, its plans for subsequent years (an "improvement plan").
- (5) Those arrangements must be framed so that the information is published—
- (a) as soon as is reasonably practicable after the start of the financial year to which the plan must relate; or
 - (b) as soon as is reasonably practicable after such other date as the Department may specify by order.
- (6) Without prejudice to the generality of section 111, guidance issued under that section may address—
- (a) the manner in which assessments of performance are to be carried out;
 - (b) the making of an improvement plan including the procedure to be followed.