

We have pleasure in presenting our review of Reading Borough Council's services and achievements for 1994/5.

It was a year in which the council continued to provide top-quality services to the residents and businesses of Reading, and to maintain Reading's position as an important regional venue, attracting thousands of visitors a year.

Within this report you can see how Reading Council developed further excellent partnerships with the local community, continued to harness the energies of local people in protecting and improving our environment, faced up to the challenges facing the town into the twenty-first century, and much more.

We hope you find this report of interest.

66 Reading Borough Council can look back on a year of very varied achievement in 1994/95.

We've continued to work to improve services and facilities across the borough, from winning £2.6m in funding for a major improvement programme in Hexham Road to providing better recycling facilities across the town.

All this has been achieved against a backdrop of increasing financial pressure on local authorities, but we've attracted millions of pounds in extra funding to Reading through really effective partnership schemes.

It's also a time to look forward.

We've been preparing ourselves to face the challenge of providing the full range of council services as a unitary authority and planning for major improvements to the town like the Oracle development in the town centre, and a new stadium for Reading 99

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