

Sample of comparator data for Sefton's library service

Source: Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) actuals 2010/11

All indicators are per 1,000 or 100,000 of population

1st = highest

Indicator	Nearest neighbours	Metropolitan*	Merseyside*
Revenue expenditure	13 th out of 15	33 rd out of 35	4 th out of 4
Employees expenditure	14 th out of 15	33 rd out of 35	4 th out of 4
Total number of employees	13 th out of 15	31 st out of 35	4 th out of 4
Number of libraries	13 th out of 15	33 rd out of 35	4 th out of 4
Number of active borrowers	10 th out of 15	14 th out of 35	3 rd out of 4
Number of physical visits	11 th out of 15	24 th out of 35	3 rd out of 4
Total book issues	6 th out of 15	6 th out of 35	3 rd out of 4

* NB One Merseyside local authority did not return any figures

Nearest neighbours (as defined by CIPFA, can change from year to year – authorities with most similarities)

Wirral; North Tyneside; Redcar and Cleveland; Plymouth; Blackpool; Darlington; Southend-on-Sea; Northumberland; Bury; Stockport; Dudley; Bolton; St Helens; Tameside; Calderdale

Note: these figures do not include reductions within past 2 years (or for any other authority)