



Reading Borough Council  
Reading, England  
[www.reading.gov.uk](http://www.reading.gov.uk)

**Industry:**

Public Sector

**Annual Revenue:**

US\$598 million

**Employees:**

5,000

**Oracle Products & Services:**

Hyperion Planning  
Hyperion Smart View

**Oracle Partner:**

Fujitsu Services  
[www.fujitsu.com](http://www.fujitsu.com)

**“Oracle Hyperion Planning enables us to deliver timely, accurate medium- and long-term budget forecasts without the need for additional resources.”**

– Julie Cave, Finance Systems Manager, Reading Borough Council

**Reading Borough Council Streamlines Delivery of Multi Year Public Spending Plans**

Reading Borough Council provides local government services to 144,000 people in an area of 40 square kilometers in southeast England. A magnet for growth and wealth creation, Reading has two universities, is home to several top IT and insurance companies, and is in one of the UK’s fastest growing areas.

**Challenges**

- Deliver three-and five-year budget forecasts in line with government requirements
- Prepare timely, accurate multiyear spending plans within a highly devolved, interactive local government environment
- Avoid need to divert financial teams from day-to-day tasks

**Solution**

- Implemented Oracle Hyperion Planning in three months, with users confident after a single 30-minute training session
- Used Hyperion Planning to rationalize spreadsheet-based forecasting environment into a single, collaborative, council-wide planning system with online access for 13 users
- Gained advanced cross-directorate, multidimensional modeling capabilities and the ability to combine continual adjustments at cost center level into central planning
- Benefited from advanced OLAP planning capabilities in Hyperion Planning to enable finance teams to conduct granular analysis on high-level data
- Used Smart View to enable users in the directorates and central team to extract and input new intelligence
- Made updated information available to all users in real-time
- Gained visibility of forecast data for 800 cost centers in four directorates throughout the four-month budget cycle
- Used multidimensional modeling capabilities to combine continual adjustments at cost center level into central planning
- Delivered advanced, accurate medium and long-term budget forecasts for each directorate and cost center in two months
- Streamlined budget forecasting
- Leveraged skills and expertise of Oracle certified advantage partner Fujitsu Services to enjoy end-to-end hosted and managed service with regular performance reviews