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Table - Draft HRA Estimates by type of spend for 2010 /11

Expenditure	Original 2009/10 £'000	Draft 2010/11 £'000	Variance £'000	Variance %
Employee	2,569	2,336	(233)	(9%)
Premises	1,436	1,360	(76)	(5%)
Transport	283	334	51	18%
	1,305	1,373	68	5%
		317	(1)	0%
			297	7%

GENERAL FUND SELECTIVE SUMMARY OF FORWARD ESTIMATES FROM 2009/10					
Original Estimate 2009/10 £'000	Draft Estimate 2010/11 £'000	Forward Estimate 2011/12 £'000	Forward Estimate 2012/13 £'000	Forward Estimates 2013/14 £'000	Forward Estimate 2014/15 £'000
9,694	9,578	9,628	9,807	10,058	10,259
1,648	1,710	1,718	1,777	1,803	1,767
1,464	1,460	1,487	1,518	1,617	1,707
4,395		126	19	4,103	4,103
1,172			51	1,346	1,346
				25,467	25,467
				1,331	1,331
				3	3
				46,663	46,663



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-  Tłumaczenia dostępne
-  a tradução disponível



► Our priority: Maintaining our capacity to deliver

Balancing the budget

Making sure we continue to deliver high quality and high value services

You will be receiving your council tax bills through the post around this time and you may be under the impression that all of this money is retained by us when in fact our 'cookie-jar' illustration below shows just how little we retain.

We also receive funding from other sources like planning and car park fees, however the majority of the extra money comes from a government grant. It is an

interesting fact that in 2008-2009 all local government, that is all the councils in the country, received only eight percent of the £620 billion spent by government on all public services which includes the National Health Service, and Education.

Whatever the outcome of the general election it is clear that there will be cuts in the amount of that grant. The level and degree of those cuts in our income is as yet uncertain. Our challenge is to

continue to do the best we can for you, the community we serve, but with less resources. All this at a time when we are all going through the hardship of a recession and our services and our community leadership are needed even more.

You may have read in this magazine and in the local press about our work with East Lindsey District Council to merge five of our services: Customer Services, IT, Benefits and Revenues, Finance and Human Resources. This will enable us to save money and still continue to provide quality services. This is a major step for the future and will help us meet the challenges that are ahead and it will help us make sure that the balance of making savings and providing services is right.

Of the Council Tax you pay:



For more information visit:

► www.sholland.gov.uk/council/performance/finance



Home repossession There is help at hand

Direct Debit the best way to pay your new Council Tax bill

Still paying your council tax the old way? Why not change to Direct Debit and join the 70 percent of households in South Holland who already pay that way?

Direct Debit is the simple and convenient way to manage your household bills. We give everyone ten instalments on their annual bill, these instalments are payable on the first of every month from April to January.

Direct debits are a safe way of paying too. Like all organisations using Direct Debit, we must abide by strict rules and regulations. We are also closely monitored to make sure that we operate the scheme in an efficient and secure way. In addition to this all Direct Debits are fully protected by the Direct Debit Guarantee which covers you in the unlikely event of anything going wrong.

So you see it's safe, secure and easy to use - what's stopping you?

Call our Direct Debit line 01775 764691 and join the others.



► Our priority: Affordable homes

Are you worried about repossession or have you had letters threatening eviction?

Are you behind with your mortgage and face being homeless?

The main thing is not to bury your head in the sand, but talk to people instead, especially your lender, whether it is a bank or a building society or another organisation. There may even be financial help out there.

We have been given a £28,000 grant from the government to help advise people with mortgage or rent problems.

We have teamed up with the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) to deliver a special advice service that can help.

Since October 2008, over 330,000 homeowners, nationally, have received help and advice from the CAB. The main thing to remember is that you need not be alone: there is a lot of help available from national and local government, from lenders and from advice agencies.

If you get behind with your payments, act quickly and repossession may be avoided.

First and foremost, visit the government's advice website at www.direct.gov.uk/mortgagehelp

Get free, confidential and independent debt advice from:

- **Citizens Advice Bureau:** www.citizensadvice.org.uk
- **National Debt Line:** 0808 808 4000 or visit www.nationaldebtline.co.uk
- **Shelter:** 0300 3300515 from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday (incl Bank Holidays) and 8am to 5pm on Saturdays to Sundays (some mobile phone networks may charge for calls to this number). Or visit www.shelter.org.uk/adviceonline
- **Payplan:** 0800 917 7823 or visit www.payplan.com
- **Consumer Credit Counselling Service:** 0800 138 1111 or visit www.cccs.co.uk

To find out when the CAB service nearest to you is open, telephone 01775 717444.

For more information contact:

- Customer Services
- tel: 01775 761161
- email: info@sholland.gov.uk



PS...
Did you know that you can pay other council bills by Direct Debit too - including your rent? Call 01775 761161 and find out more...

► Our priority: Access to Services

For more information contact:

► tel: 01775 764691



► Our priority: Care of our villages and towns

Your chance to play your part

Volunteers are needed to swell the ranks of a community panel on the Eastern side of Spalding

This is just one of the panels in South Holland which look at issues that affect our communities. Together with the police and other members of the South Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership, we identify problems in the areas covered and then come up with local solutions.

Sometimes the solutions are difficult, but the idea of the panel is to see what can be achieved within a community. Meetings take place regularly and issues about the area are raised here. The panels then try to find ways of working together with all of the organisations involved, such as The Police and Community Support Officers (PCSOs), ourselves, Fire and Rescue and Highways, so that we all can make use of our own expertise where it is needed.

So, if anyone is interested in joining the panel in the Eastern side of Spalding then all you have to do is contact PC Craig Lockton at Spalding Police Station on 01775 722233 extension 2604.

The police beat teams have been working well all through the Spalding district and in some areas where there were real problems, they have managed to turn things around. For instance in Royce Road, young people have been working very hard to keep the area clean and free from litter. And a letter to households asking them to keep their pets under control has brought results.

Communities working together to improve the area in which they live doesn't need to take a lot of time - perhaps an hour or two each month. But the results make everyone's life a little easier.

These panels are held all over the district and they all need your support. If you want to get involved contact your local police station or speak to your PCSO/s and help us all to take care of your village or town.

For more information contact:

- PC Craig Lockton
- tel: 01775 722233 ex 2604

Anti-Social Behaviour

You told us this is a concern for the community

This year we are working with Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue, Lincolnshire Police and Children's Services on a unique six week long project which targets younger brothers and sisters of people who commit Anti-Social Behaviour. The aim is to stop them following in their footsteps.

The project begins with a mock 'car crash' where one of the young people will play a drunk driver. In the following weeks they will go through the process a real offender goes through from arrest and what happens when they are taken



to a police station, through the court case in front of a magistrate to a prison experience either in a mobile prison cell or through a visit to a real prison. The final session will be where the young people involved will be able to learn from a relative of someone killed or injured by a drunk driver in real life about what it's like to face such a devastating loss.

The purpose of this project is to show how tough the process is and that what might have started out in the eyes of those who have committed the crime as 'a laugh' has very serious life-changing consequences for everyone involved.

A prison sentence and being responsible for the death or injury of someone else is something they would have to live with for the rest of their lives. If we can help stop that then the project will be a success.

For more information contact:

- Abigail Cooper
- tel: 01775 761161

Council services on your doorstep



We are extending the services we provide at our customer service point at Long Sutton's Market House.

In the past our officers have been there all day Tuesday and on Friday mornings and our services have not been offered on any of the other days. People in the Long Sutton and Sutton Bridge areas have told us that they would like at least some of these services to be available all week to give them the choice of whether to visit our offices in Spalding or closer to their homes.

At the moment, you can do most things: apply for benefits; apply for housing; or see local planning applications but you can only do these things when one of our officers is present. But by the time you read this the trustees of the Market House are going to step in and staff the office on the remaining weekdays.

They won't be able to do everything we do but they will be able to process bus pass applications, give out housing and Council Tax Benefit forms and act as a receiving point for completed Benefits application forms.

They will also be able to give you basic information about the services we provide and of course don't forget that you can still pick up your extra green recycling bags when you visit.

The Market House trustees would be happy to hear your suggestions for further improvements and additions to services - their contact details are below.

► Our priority: Improving access to Services

For more information contact:

- The Market House trustees
- tel: 01406 366767

Eco-friendly Homes

Living in environmentally-friendly bungalows in Long Sutton



► Our priority: Affordable homes

Within a few months of moving in, Clare Harrington's eco-friendly bungalow had collected enough sunlight to create enough electricity to cover all of her family's needs and to heat her water for free.

Clare, her partner and three children moved into one of six new bungalows in Long Sutton in July last year. By Christmas, they had realised £65 worth of profit from surplus solar electricity sold back to the National Grid.

"Moving here has been wonderful. At first it was very different. All these windows and the open plan design make for a very different lifestyle and home environment. But it is something we have embraced wholeheartedly."

The eco-homes were conceived by Dr Jeremy Harrall of Search architects and delivered by Lincolnshire Rural Housing Association. Each home is designed to be naturally heated and naturally ventilated, reducing significantly the energy required to run the homes. It is anticipated that year in, year out each building will generate a surplus of electricity, harvest most of its

waste water and produce no carbon emissions in occupation.

Working closely with our planning and building control teams, six affordable homes that can capture and convert natural solar energy were built. The six bungalows are part of our priority of delivering more affordable homes to

“We love living here and now want to be as self sufficient as possible”

residents of South Holland. Clare and her family are now gearing up to make full use of their allotment space in this tiny new community. "We love living here and now want to be as self sufficient as possible," she said. "We can't wait to be eating vegetables that we have grown."



For more information contact:

- email: bcadmin@sholland.gov.uk

benefit updates



If you're on a low income and need financial help to pay all or part of your rent, make a claim for Housing Benefit.



Always check your benefit notification letters and let us know if you think something is wrong.



Tell us about changes that might affect your Housing or Council Tax benefit. Please let us know at once, otherwise you may lose money.



You can check our website for the latest Benefit information and leaflets - www.sholland.gov.uk



Use the calculator on our website to get an instant online benefits estimate at www.sholland.gov.uk/wbc/wbc.aspx



Without everything we've asked for to support your claim, we can't make a decision and start paying your benefit.



Give us all the information we need when you make a benefit claim and ask about our 2 day fast track service.



Help us save your money by reporting benefit fraudsters - phone 0800 0851 737 or visit www.sholland.gov.uk/benefitfraud



If you're committing benefit fraud, we will catch you and then you could go to prison! Is it worth the risk?



We're closing in - with fraud investigators working in this area.

council tax updates



Housing or Council Tax Benefit not meeting your rent in full - having money worries - ask us about a Discretionary Housing Payment.



If you're on a low income and need financial help to pay all or part of your Council Tax, make a claim for Council Tax Benefit.

Contacting South Holland District Council

Telephone: 01775 761161
Fax: 01775 711253
Email: info@sholland.gov.uk
Web: www.sholland.gov.uk

Address:
Council Offices,
Priory Road,
Spalding, Lincs.
PE11 2XE

South Holland Now for the Blind and Partially Sighted

We can provide this magazine in large print form or on tape. If you, or any of your friends or family, would be interested please call us on 01775 761161 and let us know.

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leisure updates



Drop into Ayscoughfee Hall Museum between 11am and 3pm on 8th & 15th April and try a variety of crafty Easter activities. 50p per activity.



Sing South Holland! Free informal singing workshops at Ayscoughfee Hall Museum on the third Wednesday of each month. 6.30pm - 8pm, no experience necessary, everyone welcome!



Look out for the Summer Fun brochure, packed full of things to do during the summer holidays. Available from 7July.



Its Easter - time for celebration and food. The festivities can leave you with calorie blues, why not try an activity like an egg hunt or walk to burn off those yummy eggs.



South Holland Centre was awarded Arts Award Welcome Centre status in February 2010, recognising the variety of arts events and activities the Centre offers.



500 Free Theatre Tickets for Under 26s were given away to local young people in 2009. 500 more are on offer from the South Holland Centre in 2010. Register now!

housing updates



Telephone Lifeline equipment available for all - giving families reassurance that their vulnerable relative has someone on hand 24 hours a day call us on our direct line is 01775 764461.

economic development updates



South Holland District Council's industrial units have 100% occupancy for the first time since Spring 2008! Building of new industrial units at Crease Drove are well underway, completion anticipated June 2010.

healthy lifestyle updates



Walk 5,833 steps and burn off the 174 calories in a Cadburys crème egg.

EVENTS South Holland

EASTER FILMS at the South Holland Centre

The Princess and the Frog (U)

Sat 3rd April 11am & 2pm,
Tue 6th April 11am,
Wed 7th April 2pm,
Thu 8th April 2pm

The Last Station (15)

Sat 3rd April 6.30pm,
Tue 6th April 2pm & 7.45pm

The Lovely Bones (12A)

Wed 7th April 7.45pm,
Thu 8th April 6.30pm

Alice in Wonderland

Fri 9th April 6.30pm,
Sat 10th April 2pm & 7.45pm,
Mon 12th April 2pm,
Tue 13th April 2pm & 6.30pm,
Wed 14th April 2pm & 7.45pm,
Thu 15th April 2pm & 6.30pm

LIVE SHOWS at the South Holland Centre

Tangomotion

Thu 1st April 7.30pm
An evening of Latin lushness.
Two virtuoso Argentine tango dancers, live music and singer.
£12.50, £11.50 conc, £45 Family Ticket

The Jungle Book

Polka Dot
Fri 9th April 2pm
Join Mowgli, Baloo and all of your favourite characters.
£9, £7 conc, £29 Family Ticket

The Timothy Bile Show

Fri 16th April 7.30pm
Inspired by daytime TV chat shows, Timothy Bile will probe and scrutinise his outrageous guests! Devised, written and performed by South Holland's Easter Youth Theatre group.
£4

Disney's Beauty and the Beast

Act II Theatre Company
Wed 21st to Sat 24th April
7.30pm daily Sat matinee 2.30pm
An epic love story brought to life by the young people from Act II.
£8.50, £7 conc

Jongleurs on the Road

Thu 22nd April 8pm
Stand-up comedy.
£12, buy 9 get 10th FREE

Knife Edge

Hard Graft Theatre Co.
Thu 29th April 7.30pm
A grieving father is forced to take the law into his own hands: challenging his son's murderer to a duel to the death!
£10, £9 conc, £6.50 Stu & U16s

The Indians

Fri 30th April 7.30pm
An evening of Irish country music.
£13.50

Spalding School of Dance Shows

Thu 6th to Sun 9th May
£9, £8 conc

Back to the Land Girls

Bad Apple Theatre
Tue 11th May 1pm
Some girls aren't cut out for farming. Its 1942 and there are some new arrivals in the village - turning heads and breaking hearts!
£8.50, £7.50 groups of 8+, £6.50 Stu & U16s

Cider with Rosie

Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds
Fri 14th & Sat 15th May 7.30pm
Full production of Laurie Lee's evocative classic story chronicling the loss of traditional village life with the advent of the petrol engine!
£14, £13 conc, £11.50 groups of 8+

FILM FEVER FOR SOUTH HOLLAND

Whether you fancy making a Western in Whaplode, a Rom Com in Risegate or a tale about a real character from your area, now's your chance!

The 'Local Hero' film project aims to offer a way for the over 50s and young people aged 12 to 25 to have some fun together doing something creative! The resulting films will be screened at the South Holland Centre and in three locations across the district.



Please contact the South Holland Centre for an expression of interest form by the end of March

The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas

SADOS musical
Tue 18th to Sat 22nd May 7.30pm
Sat matinee 2.30pm

Misery

Jamie Marcus Productions
Thu 27th May 7.30pm
Jamie Marcus Productions return to the Centre with a Stephen King classic.
£10, £8 conc, £6.50 Stu & U16s

Arts Development & other events

Lincolnshire Rural and Community Touring Scheme How To Build a Rocket

Farnham Maltings Theatre Company
Market House, Long Sutton
Thu 25th Mar 7.00pm
A funny, affectionate and touching story of one man's obsession with understanding how things go up in the air and the events that have shaped his life.
Tel: 01406 366767

On The Edge

Kevin Tomlinson
Market House, Long Sutton
Thursday 6th May 7.00pm

High quality improvised comedy-theatre, this show explores all those moments in life when we are "on the edge", such as marriage, childbirth, a new job, and leaving home.
Tel: 01406 366767

Arty Eggs!

Ayscoughfee Hall Museum
Thursday 8th & 15th April
11am - 3pm
Drop in and try your hand at a variety of fun activities.
Tel 01775 764555
50p per activity

Sing South Holland

Ayscoughfee Hall Museum
Wednesday 21st April & Wednesday 19th May
6.30pm - 8pm
A fun informal community singing group, no experience necessary, everyone welcome.
Tel 01775 841750 FREE

Stained Glass Workshops

Strawberry Glass
Unique Cottage Studios
March - June
Day and half day workshops. Family experience sessions also available.
Call Gillian Wing on 07714 458813

TAKE PART this Easter Holiday

Easter Youth Theatre With Act II Theatre Company

Mon 12th to Fri 16th April

Devise your own daytime chat show at the South Holland Centre and then perform it on the stage at the end of the week (The Timothy Bile Show).

For 13 to 19 year olds. 10am to 4pm each day. £50 for the week



BRONZE ARTS AWARDS option - Ask us about achieving this award as part of the Easter Youth Theatre. (Extra £30 and 9am start)

For more details

For more details of the above events and for a full listing of events across the district, call or go online:

South Holland District Council
Tel: 01775 761161
www.sholland.gov.uk
South Holland Centre Box Office
Tel: 01775 764777
www.southhollandcentre.co.uk
Ayscoughfee Hall Museum
Tel: 01775 764555
www.ayscoughfee.org

Community Events

For listings of your community events visit www.sholland.gov.uk click on 'Leisure and Culture' and 'What's On' where local events and opportunities for getting your event listed are shown.

Using the 'Get your event listed form', you can electronically submit your event to us for listing on our website.

The Saturday Morning Household and Garden Waste Service

Where to take your waste:



Long Sutton - Spring Gardens
Crowland - Thorney Road
Holbeach - Community Centre car park
Donington - Red Cow Paddock car park

Sutton Bridge - Moved to: Memorial Park car park, Bridge Road
Gedney Hill - High Stock Lane

These are sites where you can take your **household waste** for disposal and **garden waste** for composting*

Saturdays 8am - 11am

Household Waste

- ☺ Food waste ☺ Polystyrene ☺ Nappies
- ☺ Bulky waste e.g. sofa, table, chairs, wardrobe

We can not take: ☒ White goods* e.g. fridge freezers (these need treating before disposal) ☒ Hazardous waste e.g. florescent tubes, chemicals, asbestos
 ☒ Tyres ☒ Paint ☒ Cooking fat (due to leakage from vehicle) ☒ Gas bottles

* Telephone Customer Services to arrange for your white goods to be collected

Green Waste

- ☺ Grass cuttings ☺ Leaves ☺ Old flowers ☺ Spent bedding plants
- ☺ Wood ash ☺ Wood shavings ☺ Wood clippings ☺ Hedge clippings
- ☺ Young annual weeds ☺ Comfrey leaves

Green waste must NOT: ☒ be left in any bags ☒ be left in builders bags
 ☒ contain other household waste such as food, plastic or metal

These may cause the whole load to be rejected - which would then go to landfill

Long Sutton, Crowland, Holbeach

10th April
 8th May
 12th June
 10th July
 14th August
 11th September
 9th October
 13th November
 8th January 2011
 12th March 2011

Donington, Sutton Bridge

17th April
 15th May
 19th June
 17th July
 21st August
 18th September
 16th October
 20th November
 15th January 2011
 19th March 2011

Gedney Hill

17th April
 19th June
 21st August
 16th October
 20th November
 15th January 2011



01775 761161



info@sholland.gov.uk



www.sholland.gov.uk/environment/waste

or follow A-Z to 'waste disposal sites'

Lincolnshire County Council's

Household Waste Recycling Centre

- ☺ LCC disposes of: all household waste.
- ☺ LCC recycles: plastics, cans, glass, paper and cardboard, batteries, furniture, wood, green (garden) waste, oil, electrical goods, mattresses, carpets, textiles, white goods.

West Marsh Road, Spalding - signposted off the A16 bypass opposite the Power Station. For more details of this site, run by Lincolnshire County Council, please visit: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk and follow the A-Z link to 'household waste recycling centres'.

Collections over Easter and May Bank Holidays 2010

All other collections will be as normal	collection would have been due on:	leave out for collection on:
refuse 	Fri 2nd April Good Friday Mon 5th April Easter Monday Mon 3rd May May Day Mon 31st May Bank Hol Monday	▶ Fri 2nd April ▶ Sat 3rd April ▶ Mon 10th May ▶ Sat 29th May
recycling 	Fri 2nd April Good Friday Mon 5th April Easter Monday Mon 3rd May May Day Mon 31st May Bank Hol Monday	▶ Fri 2nd April ▶ Mon 12th April ▶ Mon 10th May ▶ Mon 7th June

* Subject to funding