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URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLEHAMPTON

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THE HOUSING, HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE 1970 - 71

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Vice-Chairman: Mr. A. J. R. Moss

Chairman of the Council: Mr. A. T. J. Hancock

Mr. J. A. Colliss

Mr. A. A. Coomes

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Mr. C. R. Joyce

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Medical Officer of Health

Frank Cockcroft, M.A., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector

A. M. Tanner, M.A.P.H.I.

Public Health Inspector

R. Hardman, M.A.P.H.I.

Rodent Operator:

J. Barber (To September 30)

B. Martin (From " 28)

The Medical Officer of Health is also Medical Officer of Health for the Worthing Rural District and Departmental Medical Officer for the County Council.

The Port Health District work is carried out by the Medical Officer of Health and the Public Health Inspectors.

LITTLEHAMPTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices,

LITTLEHAMPTON.

June, 1971.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for 1970.

Littlehampton had the undesirable distinction of having once again a high illegitimate birth rate, only equalled by one other coastal district in West Sussex. Over 11% in Littlehampton, yet only 4.5% in neighbouring Worthing Rural District and 7% in the county as a whole.

Another undesirable figure was achieved as a result of 47 more deaths. Littlehampton had the highest standardised death rate in the county, whilst its neighbour, Worthing Rural District, had the lowest. The increase was due partly to more ischaemic heart disease and cancer deaths.

The notifications of notifiable diseases reached the lowest level recorded. This is due to the impact of the immunisation campaign which now includes protection against measles and German measles.

Various factors, such as the closing of the river bridge to heavy lorries, lack of covering material and indiscriminate tipping by persons unknown, led to the refuse tip becoming in an unsatisfactory state. There was much uncovered refuse over a wide area and the tip face was not covered as a controlled tip one should be. The delay in getting planning permission made the situation worse for a time. By the end of the year there was considerable improvement. The rodent operator reported no greater incidence of rats than usual on the site but there were reports from the caravan site at Climping that rats had been seen there for the first time. It is probable the rats came from the river bank following disturbance due to work on the approaches to the new bridge over the Arun. Increasing costs of refuse disposal make it very difficult for small authorities to deal with their own problem. The answer certainly seems to be in regional refuse disposal arrangements.

The problem of sewage disposal is also one which causes difficulties in seaside towns where their existing sea outfalls are no longer satisfactory. Although I am satisfied there is no health risk at Littlehampton to bathers in the sea, there have been complaints on a few occasions of people seeing sewage items floating on the sea. This is very undesirable for bathers and will not occur from the proposed new treatment works and outfall.

The West Beach has lovely sand dunes and would be ideal for all if it were not for the few thoughtless citizens who leave behind broken glass, crown corks and similar objects, which get covered with a layer of fine sand after their departure. The first aid post then has to deal with nasty cuts on the feet of unsuspecting victims.

On two occasions old people living in insanitary conditions and unable to look after themselves refused to be helped until a Magistrate had almost signed an order for their removal to hospital. Most chronically sick old people, who need a hospital bed, are only too pleased to accept one if it can be obtained and obtaining beds in this area is extremely difficult and likely to get worse until the Worthing Hospital Extension is completed.

The first aid post was busy as usual during the season and it was appropriate that a building should be erected as a first aid post to provide better facilities for this essential service to visitors.

The health department has worked smoothly and taken on the housing improvement grant work without serious detriment to any other routine work. My thanks are due to Mr. Tanner and the staff for overcoming any problems that arose.

I am indebted to the Officers of the Council, the County Medical Officer and others for providing me with the necessary information to complete this report.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

Frank C. [Signature]

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

SECTION A:**GENERAL STATISTICS**

AREA	2,915 Acres
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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION - 18,830

SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE £3,740

Population - Census 1961 15,699

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1970) 6,341

Rateable Value £962,314

VITAL STATISTICS**LIVE BIRTHS:**

Year	Total	Legitimate		Illegitimate	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
1969	247	103	112	17	15
1970	265	118	117	17	13

Rate per 1,000 population					
Year	Littlehampton U.D.		West Sussex		England & Wales
	Crude	Standardised Rate			
			Urban	Rural	
1969	13.6	15.4	15.1	18.1	16.3
1970	14.1	15.9	14.5	17.6	16.0

DEATHS:

Year	Total	Male	Female
1969	280	148	132
1970	327	160	167

Year	Rate per 1,000 population				
	Littlehampton U.D.	West Sussex		England & Wales	
	Crude	Standardised Rate			
		Urban	Rural		
1969	15.4	10.6	10.1	9.1	11.9
1970	17.4	12.4	10.3	9.3	11.7

STILLBIRTHS:

Year	Total	Legitimate		Illegitimate	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
1969	2	1	1	-	-
1970	2	2	-	-	-

Year	Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	
	Littlehampton U.D.	England & Wales
1969	8	13
1970	7	13

INFANTILE DEATH RATE:

Year	Rate per 1,000 total live births					
	Littlehampton U.D.			West Sussex		England & Wales
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Legit:</u>	<u>Illeg:</u>	<u>Urban</u>	<u>Rural</u>	
1969	8	9	nil	16	14	18
1970	19	21	nil	19	21	18

	Neo-natal Mortality (Deaths under 4 weeks)		Early Neo-natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 week)		Perinatal Mortality (Stillbirths & Deaths under 1 week combined)	
	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970
Total Deaths	1	3	1	1	3	3
Rate per 1,000 total live births	4	11	4	4		
Mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths					12	11

DEATHS FROM CANCER:

Year	Total	Rate per 1,000 population			
		Littlehampton U.D.	West Sussex		England & Wales
			<u>Urban</u>	<u>Rural</u>	
1969	52	2.8	3.2	3.1	2.3
1970	61	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.4

DEATHS FROM PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS:

Year	Total	Rate per 1,000 population			
		Littlehampton U.D.	West Sussex		England & Wales
			Urban	Rural	
1969	1	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.04
1970	1	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.02

MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion):

Year	Total	Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths			
		Littlehampton U.D.	West Sussex		England & Wales
			Urban	Rural	
1969	nil	nil	nil	0.4	0.19
1970	nil	nil	nil	nil	0.18

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS - 1901 to 1970:

	1901	1938	1946	1970
Population	7,363	10,178	12,320	18,830
Birth Rate	20.9	14.8	20.8	14.1
Death Rate	13.7	11.9	14.7	15.9
Infantile Mortality Rate	143	48	47	19
Average no. persons per house	4.9	2.8	3.5	2.9
No. Inhabited houses	1,504	3,581	3,479	6,341

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

Causes of Death	Sex	Total	Under 45	45-64	65-74	75 & over
Tuberculosis, respiratory	F	1	-	-	1	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	F	1	1	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, buccal cavity etc.	F	1	-	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, oesophagus	M	1	-	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	M	4	-	-	1	3
	F	2	-	-	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, intestine	M	5	-	1	2	2
	F	8	-	2	1	5
Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	10	-	1	6	3
	F	3	-	1	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, breast	F	2	-	2	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, uterus	F	2	-	1	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, prostate	M	3	-	-	-	3
Leukaemia	F	2	1	-	-	1
Other malignant Neoplasms	M	12	1	2	4	5
	F	5	-	1	2	2
Benign and unspecified Neoplasms	F	1	-	-	1	-
Diabetes Mellitus	M	2	-	1	-	1
	F	1	-	1	-	-
Other Endocrine etc. diseases	M	1	1	-	-	-
Mental disorders	F	1	-	1	-	-
Multiple Sclerosis	F	1	-	1	-	-
Other diseases of Nervous System	M	2	-	-	1	1
	F	1	-	-	-	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart disease	M	1	-	-	1	-
	F	3	-	1	2	-
Hypertensive disease	M	6	-	1	2	3
	F	5	-	-	2	3
Ischaemic Heart disease	M	48	-	11	23	14
	F	35	-	1	6	28
Other forms of Heart disease	M	8	-	-	1	7
	F	12	-	-	-	12
Cerebrovascular disease	M	8 8	-	2	1	5
	F	30	-	4	7	19
Other diseases of Circulatory system	M	10	-	2	4	4
	F	4	-	-	1	3
Influenza	M	1	-	-	1	-
	F	4	-	1	2	1
Pneumonia	M	13	1	-	6	6
	F	10	-	2	1	7
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	10	1	1	2	6
	F	1	-	-	-	1

Causes of Death	Sex	Total	Under 45	45- 64	65- 74	75 & over
Other diseases of Respiratory System	M	3	1	1	-	1
	F	1				1
Peptic Ulcer	M	1	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	1	-
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	F	2	-	-	-	2
Cirrhosis of Liver	M	1	-	1	-	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	1	-	-	-	1
	F	3	1	-	2	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	2	-	1	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	M	1	-	-	-	1
	F	5	-	-	2	3
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M	1	-	-	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	M	1	1	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	F	1	1	-	-	-
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	M	2	-	-	-	2
	F	13	-	-	-	13
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	1	-	-	-
All other Accidents	M	1	1	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	3
All other external causes	F	1	-	1	-	-
TOTALS: M = 158 F = 166		327	13	45	91	178

SECTION: B

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Disease	Under 1 year	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	Over 25	Total
Dysentery	-	4	2	-	-	-	6
Measles	1	8	2	-	-	-	11
Meningitis	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
TOTAL =							21

There were no cases notified in 1970 of the following diseases:-

Acute encephalitis
Acute poliomyelitis
Anthrax
Cholera
Diphtheria
Food Poisoning
Infective jaundice
Leprosy
Leptospirosis
Malaria
Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Paratyphoid Fever
Plague
Relapsing Fever
Smallpox
Tetanus
Typhoid Fever
Typhus
Whooping cough
Yellow Fever

Notifications 1961-1970 of diseases notifiable at the present time.

Disease	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	5	14	1	7	6	15	5	5	7	1
Whooping Cough	9	1	5	32	11	-	3	6	1	-
Measles	110	20	908	37	412	250	55	30	138	11
Dysentery	-	1	8	1	-	-	1	-	-	6
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	18	-
Tuberculosis Non Pul.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis Pul.	5	5	1	-	3	-	2	-	-	2
TOTALS	129	43	923	78	434	266	66	48	164	21

INFLUENZA

The Council offered vaccination against influenza to its staff: 63 out of 180 took advantage of the Council's offer.

IMMUNISATION

The following immunisations were carried out, on children under 16 years of age, during the year:-

Diphtheria and Tetanus:

Primary Injections	1
Reinforcing Injections	243

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough:

Primary Injections	225
Reinforcing Injections	-

Measles:

Primary Vaccination	465
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Poliomyelitis Vaccination:

Initial 3 doses of oral vaccine	243
Reinforcing procedures	322

Smallpox Vaccination:

Primary Vaccination	214
Re-vaccination	574

B.C.G.:

County Schools -

Andrew Cairns	No. vaccinated	116
Maud Allan	No. vaccinated	140

Private Schools:

Convent of the Holy Family	No. vaccinated	51
Rosemead	No. vaccinated	30

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Cases on Register at 1.1.70	22	6	1	2	31
Primary notification during 1970	-	1	-	-	1
Notification of transfer from other area during 1970	1	-	-	-	1
	23	7	1	2	33
Removals from register during 1970:-					
Due to recovery	2	-	-	-	2
Due to change of diagnosis	1	-	-	-	1
Cases on Register at 31.12.70	20	7	1	2	30

There was one primary notification, one transfer from another district, two patients recovered and the diagnosis of another was changed from tuberculosis.

SECTION: C

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

SERVICES PROVIDED BY WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL:

(a) Ambulance Service:

The County Council operate the Ambulance Service (including the ambulance car service) in the County. Requests are made through the doctor or hospital attending the patient, or through the Police or public in case of accidents or other emergencies.

(b) Child Health Clinic:

Child Health Clinic is held at Littlehampton Health Centre weekly on Thursdays at 2 - 4 p.m. - a doctor being in attendance on the second and fourth Thursday each month.

The following figures have been provided by the County Medical Officer showing the attendances at the Child Health Clinic.

No. of children attending

Total attendances

354

2,598

(c) Chiropody:

This is provided for those of pensionable age.

(d) Family Planning:

A Family Planning Clinic is provided by the County Council at Shoreham Health Clinic and the Family Planning Association operates one at the Health Clinic at Bognor Regis, Littlehampton and Worthing.

(e) Health Clinic for the Retired:

This is a Screening Clinic held weekly on Friday mornings at the Fitzalan Road Health Centre.

(f) Health Education

The County Council is responsible for this service, a great amount of which is done by the Health Visitors both in the homes and at the Clinics.

(g) Home Help Service:

The County Council is responsible for this service.

(h) Mental Health:

The County Council is responsible for a domiciliary mental welfare service, but institutional and out-patient treatment is provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

(i) Nursing:

The Home Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors employed in the area are now attached to General Practitioners.

The telephone numbers of Midwives and Home Nurses are listed in the telephone directory under 'Nurses - West Sussex County Council'.

(j) School Clinics:

Minor Ailments
Eye
Speech Therapy
Dental

} Littlehampton Health Centre

Expectant and nursing mothers may also receive free treatment at the Dental Clinics. Dental anaesthetics were given by a Consultant Anaesthetist from the Regional Hospital Board on a sessional basis.

HOSPITAL AND SPECIALIST SERVICES:

A comprehensive hospital and specialist service is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. Hospital accommodation of a private nature is available in certain circumstances, subject to appropriate charges.

Chest Clinics:

Chest Clinics are held at Worthing Hospital and at Aldingbourne Chest Hospital, both of which are available to the residents of Littlehampton.

General Medical and Dental Service:

Local arrangements for these services are organised through the National Health Service Executive Council for West Sussex at 175, Broyle Road, Chichester.

Homes for Old People:

There are 15 homes registered with the County Welfare Department accommodating 169 people at charges ranging between 6 to 18 guineas, and there is one blind home with accommodation for 24.

Laboratory Facilities:

The following Laboratories are available for the examination of specimens:-

The Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.

The Worthing Hospital Laboratory.

The Public Analyst's Laboratory, Lewes.

Mass Radiography:

Mass Radiography was carried out by the Portsmouth Unit until the end of March. From April the Surrey Unit from Worcester Park visited Littlehampton weekly for cases referred by general practitioners, the local authority or the general public wishing to be X-rayed. The number X-rayed from April to December was 866.

Meals-on-Wheels:

Meals are provided and delivered to old people in their homes by the W.R.V.S. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, approximately 460 meals a week being delivered - 200 to the Littlehampton area and 262 to the Worthing Rural West area - at a cost of 1s. 6d. per meal to the consumer.

Medical Examination of Staff:

Five examinations were carried out for Superannuation purposes, and eleven for fitness for employment below ground.

Mortuary:

The Littlehampton Urban District Council provide a mortuary which serves the Littlehampton area. The number of admissions during the year was 86.

Nursing Homes:

There are four private nursing homes in the district.

Persons in need of care and attention:

One case had to be dealt with under section 47 of the National Assistance Act 1947 to the extent of getting a certificate signed by the general practitioner and myself and asking a magistrate to visit and sign an order, if necessary. The man, living alone, was found by the police after he had had a stroke and was unable to look after himself and was living in unsatisfactory conditions. He steadfastly refused to go to hospital even after a bed had been found for him.

With the aid of his niece and her husband the magistrate and I were able to persuade him to go into hospital without an order actually being signed.

Venereal Disease:

Residents may attend Clinics at:-

Worthing Hospital
St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester
The Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton
St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

SECTION D:

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water:

Worthing Corporation Water Department supply Littlehampton with water from the Downs at Burpham via Borehole No.2. The water is pumped from Burpham to Batworth Park Reservoirs and from there is distributed to Littlehampton.

The Chemist and Bacteriologist of the Brighton Water Department carries out all the examinations on the water. He has reported that:-

1. The water has been satisfactory in quantity and quality. Continuous chlorination is carried out at Burpham.
2. Results of bacteriological sampling were:-

	No. of Samples	No. showing Coliform organism in 100 ml.	No. showing E. Cols. present in 100 ml.	No. showing absence of Coliform organism in 100 ml.
Raw Water	253	161	161	92
Treated Water (taken at Burpham)	253	nil	nil	253
Treated Water (taken at Littlehampton)	250	nil	nil	250

3. The water is hard, being all obtained from the chalk. The chemical analysis shows a total average hardness of 241 mgn. per litre.
4. No evidence of any plumbo-solvent action has been found.
5. The natural fluoride content of the water is less than 0.1 milligrams per litre.

The Public Health Department in addition took 11 samples during the year of water from the one school swimming pool in the Urban District and from wharf side taps and hoses used for filling ships' tanks. All proved on testing to be satisfactory.

Drainage and Sewerage

During the year 1,471 yards of foul sewers and 1,005 of storm water sewers came into use.

Public Conveniences:

The Council maintain public conveniences for males and females at the following places:

Church Street
The Promenade
Maltravers Recreation Ground
Norfolk Road
Mewsbrook Park
North Street
Worthing Road Recreation Ground
West Beach
Horsham Road Cemetery

In addition there are male conveniences near the swing bridge and off the High Street; a female convenience in Beach Road and a male and female convenience in Southfields Road.

This makes a total of 23 conveniences in all - 12 for males and 11 for females.

House Refuse:

Refuse was disposed of by controlled tipping on the Council's disposal site in Ferry Road.

The public continue to make use of the tipping facilities provided under the Civic Amenities Act 1967 at the Council's site and considerable reduction in the indiscriminate dumping of rubbish throughout the town has been noted.

Schools and Day Nurseries:

There are 8 County Primary and Secondary Schools, Independent Schools and 6 registered Day Nurseries (including Play Groups) in the district.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963:

99 routine inspections have been carried out at premises where the Local Authority is responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of the Act. 23 Informal Notices were served regarding contraventions. No special problems have arisen and no statutory action was necessary, 23 defects being remedied informally.

One non-fatal accident was reported to the local authority and informal advice was given.

Common Lodging Houses:

There are no common lodging houses registered in the district.

Clean Air Act 1968:

4 notifications in accordance with Section 6 of the Clean Air Act 1968 of the installation of new oil-fired furnaces were received.

3 applications for prior approval under Section 3 were received and granted.

Camping and Caravan Sites:

9 sites are licensed under the provisions of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960. All the sites are for residential caravans and there are no facilities for touring caravans.

On 2 occasions, caravans used for human habitation, were discovered on unauthorised sites. In both cases the caravans were moved on request.

There is one camping site licensed for tents adjoining the east bank of the River Arun, with a capacity for 310 tents.

Noise Abatement Act 1960:

Complaints were received regarding 28 alleged noise nuisances, and of the 26 found to be justified 21 have so far been remedied, all informally. Main causes of complaint stem from industrial processes where they adjoin residential development as well as what might be termed "neighbourhood noises".

In one particular case a considerable reduction in both noise and vibration emanating from a large refrigerator compressor was achieved by the use of flexible connections on pipe runs and by mounting the compressor on a rubber base.

Disinfection and Disinfestation:

Number of premises disinfected	39
Number of domestic premises where disinfestation was carried out	28
Number of other premises where disinfestation was carried out	11
Number of treatments to destroy wasps' nests	63

The 40% increase in complaints of wasps' nests is directly attributable to the good summer experienced.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949:

532 infestations in respect of rats and 161 in respect of mice were dealt with during the year. In each case visits are made until the rats or mice are exterminated. In all 1,854 visits were made.

Permanent baits are maintained at selected points on the Council's refuse tip and in other areas where reinfestations are found to arise.

A free service is provided in respect of dwelling houses, but the cost of treatment is recovered where infestations occur on business premises.

Amount of poison bait used during the year = 950 lbs.

Four Informal Notices under the provisions of Section 4 of the above Act were served on occupiers.

During the year the Department took delivery of a 5 cwt. van, which has greatly improved the efficiency of the services provided.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

During the year inspections have been as follows:-

Public Health Acts:

Houses: initial inspections	...	...	...	...	61
Houses: revisits	...	...	...	...	58
Animals, keeping of	...	...	...	...	0
Drainage inspections and tests	..	...	...	...	140
Dirty or verminous premises	...	...	...	...	5
Ditches, streams and river	...	...	...	...	7
Infectious disease	...	...	...	...	7
Moveable dwellings (other than caravans)	...	...	...	...	11
Offensive accumulations	...	...	...	...	34
Port Health - ship inspections	...	...	...	...	66
Refuse collection and disposal	...	...	...	...	12
Workplaces	...	...	...	...	4
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	142
Interviews	...	...	...	...	52

Housing Acts:

Houses: initial inspections	...	...	...	...	105
Houses: revisits	...	...	...	...	79
Houses in multiple occupation	...	...	...	...	16
Improvement	...	...	...	...	273

Food and Drugs Act 1955:

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	2
Bakers shops	...	...	...	...	4
Butchers shops	...	...	...	...	19
Dairies and milk shops	...	...	...	...	1
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	1
Fried fish shops	...	...	...	...	6
Confectioners	...	...	...	...	12
Greengrocers and fruiterers	...	...	...	...	13
Grocers	...	...	...	...	33
Licensed premises	...	...	...	...	19
Restaurants and cafes	...	...	...	...	87
Canteens	...	...	...	...	6
Hotels (other than licensed)	...	...	...	...	5
Boarding and guest houses	...	...	...	...	45
Old Peoples Homes	...	...	...	...	12
Food stalls	...	...	...	...	14
Delivery vehicles	...	...	...	...	1
Other food premises	...	...	...	...	11

Factories Act 1961:

Factories with power	...	...	...	17
Factories without power	...	...	...	9
Outworkers premises	...	...	...	7

Visits under other Acts:

Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act 1963	91
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949	1,854
Clean Air Act 1956	12
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960	21
Noise Abatement Act 1960	40
Pet Animals Act 1951	2
National Assistance Act 1948	2
Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act 1956	3

Sampling:

Ice-cream	...	...	...	...	...	16
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	12

Notices served:

					<u>Served</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Public Health Acts -						
	informal	...	...		53	32
Public Health Acts -						
	formal	...	...		6	5
Housing Acts - informal	...	...	...		45	20
Housing Acts - statutory	...	...	...		2	0
Food and Drugs Act 1955	...	...	...		48	32
Agriculture (Safety, Health & Welfare Provisions Act 1956)	..				1	1
Factories Act 1961	...	...	...		6	1
Clean Air Act 1956	...	...	...		1	1
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act 1963)	...	...	...		16	13
Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act 1960	...	...	...		2	2
Noise Abatement Act 1960	...	...	...		6	2
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 - informal	...	...	...		4	1
					<u>190</u>	<u>110</u>

Complaints:

Clean Air Act.	...	...	...	...	...	11
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	82
Accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	14
Rats and Mice	...	...	...	...	...	130
Public Health Matters	...	...	...	...	...	40
Caravans	...	...	...	...	...	2
Housing Defects	...	...	...	...	...	59
Unsound food	...	...	...	...	...	23
Insect pests	...	...	...	...	...	64
Water supply	...	...	...	...	...	5
Noise	...	...	...	...	...	25
Refuse collection	...	...	...	...	...	5
Wasps	...	...	...	...	...	63
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	29
Working conditions	...	...	...	...	...	1
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sewage on Beach	...	...	...	...	...	4

IMPROVEMENTS AND DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING THE YEAR.

The following improvements have resulted from action taken by the Public Health Department:-

Houses:

Housing repairs completed	...	...	...	24
Drains repaired or renewed	...	...	...	14
Drains tested	...	...	...	24
W.C.s repaired or improved	...	...	...	3
New dustbins provided	...	...	...	6
Offensive accumulations removed	...	...	...	9
Other improvements	...	...	...	46
Lighting improved	...	...	...	7

Moveable Dwellings:-

Moveable dwellings removed	..	...	...	3
Drainage improved	...	...	...	1

Food Premises:

Premises cleansed or redecorated	...	...	21
Hot water supply provided	...	...	4
Washing facilities provided or improved	..	...	4
Tables, counters etc. covered	...	...	4
Equipment, utensils etc. cleansed	..	...	8
Screens for food provided	...	...	4
Refuse disposal improved	...	...	8
Sanitary accommodation provided or improved	...	...	4
First Aid materials provided	...	...	2
Other improvements	...	...	33

Factories:

Cleanliness improved	...	...	...	...	2
Sanitary accommodation cleansed/repaired	...	...	...	...	2
Lighting improved	...	...	...	...	1
Other improvements	...	...	...	...	2

Offices and Shops:

Washing facilities provided	...	...	...	...	1
Hot water supply provided	...	...	...	...	3
First Aid equipment provided	...	...	...	...	1
Abstract of Act provided	...	...	...	...	1
Ventilation improved	...	...	...	...	2
Cleanliness improved	...	...	...	...	1
Lighting provided or improved	...	...	...	...	4
Heating provided or improved	...	...	...	...	1
Other improvements	...	...	...	...	8
Repairs completed	...	...	...	...	3

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	4	9	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities	74	26	6	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	6	4	-	-
TOTAL	84	39	6	-

2. Cases in which defects were found:

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	5	5	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	-	-	-
Other offences	4	2	2	-	-
TOTAL	10	8	2	1	-

3. Outworkers:

The following numbers of outworkers are employed in the area:-

Assembling British Legion Poppies 1

Making of curtains 1

Embroidery work 1

Sewing and making toys 16

SECTION E:

HOUSING

Housing Act 1957

The Littlehampton (Surrey Street) Compulsory Purchase Order 1969 was confirmed with one amendment during the year by the then Minister of Housing and Local Government. The C.P.O. related to properties contained within the Surrey Street Clearance Area and were for the most part vacant at the time of confirmation. Only one unfit property remained occupied at the end of the year although two others were providing temporary accommodation.

Action was taken under Section 18 on three occasions when parts of buildings were closed as being unfit for human habitation.

Twelve unfit houses were made fit following informal action by the Department.

In all, defects were remedied in 37 houses.

Housing Act 1969

Improvement Grant Scheme

In September 1969 the Chief Public Health Inspector took over the operation of the Scheme, which includes Improvement Area consideration, in response to the Government's wish that administration of Grants be centralised under an Improvements Officer.

1970 was therefore the first full year in which the Department administered the Grant Scheme and coincidentally the first full year of the revised Scheme under the 1969 Housing Act.

The comparatively generous grants under the 1969 Act brought to the public's attention by an unprecedented publicity campaign by the Department of the Environment prompted a 440% increase in grant applications during the year in Littlehampton. The summary which follows indicates the type and extent of those applications.

IMPROVEMENT, STANDARD AND SPECIAL GRANTS - 1970

Applications received in 1970				7
I M P R O V E M E N T G R A N T S	FOR CONVERSION	APPLICATIONS APPROVED	1. Dwellings (a) owner occupied	-
			(b) Other	8
			(c) Owned by housing assocs. (included in (b) above)	-
			2. Relaxed standards (inc. in 1.)	-
			(a) less than 12 point standard	-
			(b) " " 15 year life	-
			3. Estimated total cost	
			(a) Conversion (inc.fees)	£7829
			(b) Grant-aided repairs	£1883
			(c) Other works	£7719
	4. Approved expense	£9712		
	5. Amount of grant approved	£4851		
		GRANTS PAID	(a) No. of dwellings	-
			(b) Amount of grant paid	-
	Applications received in 1970				21
FOR IMPROVE- MENTS	APPLICATIONS APPROVED	1. Dwellings (a) owner occupied	11	
		(b) Other	8	
		(c) Owned by housing assocs. (included in (b) above)	-	
		2. Relaxed standards (inc. in 1.)	-	
		(a) less than 12 point standard	-	
		(b) " " 15 year life	1	
		3. Estimated total cost	-	
		(a) Improvements (inc.fees)	£7707	
		(b) Grant-aided repairs	£1916	
		(c) Other works	£1201	
4. Approved expense of works	£9402			
5. Amount of Grant approved	£4700			
	GRANTS PAID	(a) Dwellings	9	
		(b) Amount of grant paid	£1810	

S T A N D A R D G R A N T S	APPLI- CATIONS APPROVED	Applications received in 1970		33
		1. Owner occupied dwellings to be improved to	(a) Full Standard (Normal limit) (b) Full Standard (Higher limit) (c) Less than Full Standard	12 3 -
		2. Other dwellings to be improved to	(a) Full Standard (Normal limit) (b) Full Standard (Higher limit) (c) Less than Full Standard	8 3 1
		3. Dwellings owned by Housing Associations		-
		4. Dwellings with less than 15 year life (included in 1. or 2.)		-
		5. Total amount of grant approved		£5050
	GRANTS PAID	1.	Number of dwellings	12
		ALL STANDARD GRANTS	Amount Paid	£1223
			Number of amenities provided	Fixed bath or shower Wash basin Sinks
			H & C at these points water at one or two points	6 8 1
				5 4
			Water closets	3
		2.	Number of dwellings	1
		HIGHER LIMIT GRANTS	Addition- al grant- aided work	Number of bathrooms added Number of piped water supplies Number of drainage systems
				1 - -
			3. Less than full standard (included in 1. above)	-
S P E C I A L G R A N T S	APPLI- CATIONS APPROVED	Applications received in 1970		2
		1. Owner occupied houses	(a) No. of Houses (b) No. of households	2 6
		2. Other houses	(a) No. of Houses (b) No. of households	2 4
		3. Houses owned by Housing Associations		-
	GRANTS PAID	1. Number of houses		1
		2. Number of households		2
		3. Amount Paid		£60
		4.	Fixed baths or showers	-
		Number of amenities provided	Wash basins Sinks H & C water supplied Water Closets	1 - 2 -

It is estimated that between 800 and 100 dwellings in the Urban District are without one or more of the standard amenities of a bathroom complete with bath (or shower) and wash basin, a sink and a piped hot water supply, and an inside W.C. This number which represents 12% to 15% of the total housing stock will continue to be reduced by the proper use of the grants available.

At the end of the year the Department was completing the initial survey of approximately 300 dwellings in the older part of the town considered suitable for inclusion in a General Improvement Area under Part II of the Act.

RENT DECONTROL PROCEDURE

Before the Act came into being rents chargeable after improvement did not normally provide a sufficient return to encourage landlords to carry out improvements. Now there is some incentive to good landlords, while still holding a fair balance between landlord and tenant, as the Act introduced a procedure whereby tenants of fit houses in good repair and with all the standard amenities will move toward payment of a fair rent in stages, provided they can afford to do so. Landlords of properties which meet these qualifying conditions apply to the Local Authority for a Qualification Certificate, or a Certificate of Provisional Approval where the landlord is about to provide lacking amenities. The Certificate then enables the landlord to approach the Rent Officer with a view to obtaining ultimately, a fair rent.

In 1970, 11 Qualification Certificate Applications and 2 applications for Certificates of Provisional Approval were approved.

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES AS AT
31st DECEMBER 1970

	<u>Pre-war</u>	<u>Post-war</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bed-sitting room flats . .	-	56	56
One bedroom flats	-	43	43
Two bedroom flats	-	220	220
Three bedroom flats . . .	-	149	149
Bed-sitting room bungalows	-	3	3
One bedroom bungalows . . .	6	7	13
Two bedroom bungalows . . .	15	25	40
Two bedroom houses	2	90	92
Three bedroom houses . . .	207	354	561
Four bedroom houses	5	14	19
Five bedroom houses	3	-	3
Other properties	67	-	67
	<u>305</u>	<u>961</u>	<u>1,266</u>

In addition to this summary, 62 properties are managed on behalf of the Greater London Council. A further 14 are due to be taken over in May, 1971.

Waiting List for Housing Accommodation

Total number of applicants on waiting list for houses at 31.12.69	366
Total number of applications received during 1969	186
Total number of families rehoused from the list during 1969	102

During 1970, 56 three bedroomed houses were completed. Under construction, and which should be largely completed during 1971, are 25 three bedroomed houses and 40 one bedroomed flats. In addition the Council are proposing to erect 49 three bedroomed houses.

The policy of encouraging tenants from cheaper accommodation to transfer to dearer properties has continued with success, thus releasing decent homes for the lower paid workers. It has been possible on several occasions during the year to persuade tenants of under occupied property to transfer to smaller accommodation, thus enabling families to be rehoused from flats.

Private Houses

The total number of private dwellings completed since 1948 = 1,856.

Inspection of Premises

293 visits were made during the year to food premises in the district.

The number of food premises in the district is as follows:-

Restaurants, Cafes, Snack Bars and Canteens	70
Licensed Premises (including shops)	41
Hotels and Guest Houses.	82
Grocers	30
Confectioners	26
Greengrocers	10
Butchers	9
Wet Fish Shops	2
Fried Fish Shops	3
Bakehouses	2
Ice Cream Premises	87

The number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1960 are as follows:-

Sale and storage of Ice Cream	87
Manufacture of Ice Cream	6
Manufacture of Sausages etc.	13
Fried Fish Shops	3

The routine inspections of food premises show a considerable variation of the attention paid to food hygiene. Many traders work to standards higher than the minimum legally enforceable by the Food Hygiene Regulations, but in some cases much persuasion is necessary to obtain satisfactory standards.

Regular inspections, coupled with advice and persuasion, followed by informal notices are the methods relied on to secure compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations and 48 informal notices were sent during the year.

All butchers and fishmongers in the District were sent copies of the Food Hygiene Codes of Practice on Hygiene in the Meat Trades and Hygiene in the Retail Fish Trade respectively for the purpose of giving advice and guidance to persons employed in those trades.

Food and Drugs Act 1955

23 complaints were received regarding the sale of unsound food, or food containing extraneous matter. In each case a careful investigation was carried out, firstly to ascertain if the complaint was justified and then when this was confirmed, to find out whether the fault lay with the manufacturer or the retailer. In 14 instances it was decided that the complaints were not justified, or there was insufficient evidence that an offence had taken place. The Council sent warning letters regarding 6 of the complaints and took 3 prosecutions. Fines totalling £50 were imposed.

Milk and Dairies

There are 3 registered dairies in the district. One of these is a pasteurizing and bottling plant and as such is licensed by the Food and Drugs Authority, which is the West Sussex County Council. Frequent samples of milk and the empty bottles prior to filling are taken by the County Public Health Inspectors.

The number of distributors registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations = 21.

Twelve samples of milk were taken from retailers. All passed the phosphatase test and the methylene blue test. One sample of milk submitted for examination for brucella was satisfactory.

Ice Cream Premises

There are 87 premises registered for the sale and storage of ice cream and 6 for the sale, storage and manufacture of ice cream.

During the year 14 samples of ice cream were taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Brighton: 4 samples were classified as Grade I and 10 as Grade II.

It is found that, almost without exception, the samples of wrapped ice cream from the manufacturers operating on a large scale are satisfactory.

Inspection of Food

The following articles were inspected and found to be unfit for human consumption:-

Carcase meat	4 cwt.	98 lbs.
Offal		50 lbs.
Cooked meats and meat products		4 lbs.
Canned meats		94 lbs.
Other canned foods	9 cwt.	47 lbs.
Fish - fresh		98 lbs.
Fruit and vegetables - fresh	7 cwt.	56 lbs.
Other food	3 cwt.	104 lbs.

SECTION GMETEOROLOGICAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1970SUNSHINE AND RAINFALL STATISTICS

Month	Sunshine		Rainfall	
	1970 hours	Average hours for 56 years	1970 mm.	Average for 56 years mm.
January	37.9	65.0	118.1	76.5
February	126.8	82.9	63.7	52.8
March	129.4	138.0	46.5	46.2
April	141.2	175.5	63.1	47.8
May	237.1	227.1	27.1	46.7
June	282.0	239.2	27.6	40.6
July	214.7	220.8	41.3	52.6
August	217.5	208.6	86.0	58.0
September	186.8	165.1	85.4	60.0
October	119.0	125.6	34.6	74.4
November	51.8	74.0	209.2	87.0
December	60.9	57.9	41.7	77.0
TOTAL	1805.1	1779.7	844.3	719.5
AVERAGE	150.4	148.3	70.3	59.9

The Meteorological Office publish annually an official ranking list of sunshine recorded at 400 stations in the United Kingdom. In the 1970 list Littlehampton was placed 16th.

SUNSHINERAINFALL

	No. of hours	Daily Average	No. of days on which sun was recorded	No. of inches	No. of day on which rain was recorded
1925	1915.2	5.25.	326	33.30	159
1926	1681.8	4.61	296	28.70	175
1927	1691.4	4.63	312	33.90	190
1928	1945.5	5.32	311	31.50	179
1929	2068.1	5.67	316	30.04	152
1930	1808.1	4.95	319	31.43	183
1931	1633.4	4.48	300	24.42	216
1932	1558.5	4.29	315	27.09	194
1933	2062.8	5.65	318	23.08	155
1934	1758.5	4.82	297	28.09	166
1935	1771.8	4.85	311	36.01	182
1936	1679.9	4.59	304	28.63	182
1937	1691.6	4.63	304	33.51	176
1938	1809.7	4.96	311	24.51	183
1939	1828.9	5.01	203	34.89	211
1940	1876.8	5.12	309	29.46	164
1941	1641.3	4.49	296	25.06	160
1942	1647.9	4.51	294	27.03	137
1943	1818.0	4.97	294	25.21	175
1944	1665.1	4.54	296	23.54	169
1945	1672.2	4.58	301	28.72	173
1946	1692.8	4.63	297	32.11	211
1947	1812.9	4.96	287	26.74	175
1948	1873.5	5.09	299	26.22	137
1949	2041.3	5.59	319	23.83	91
1950	1738.4	4.76	303	27.79	166
1951	1819.2	4.98	294	38.22	190
1952	1864.8	5.09	314	29.02	166
1953	1813.1	4.96	300	22.55	135
1954	1583.0	4.33	292	32.05	177
1955	1903.2	5.22	305	24.39	146
1956	1726.3	4.72	304	24.92	147
1957	1866.9	5.11	306	26.49	150
1958	1626.3	4.46	299	33.31	162
1959	2146.1	5.88	312	25.08	134
1960	1658.3	4.54	292	45.00	185
1961	1911.1	5.2	310	31.86	137
1962	1805.2	4.9	307	25.61	143
1963	1708.3	4.6	277	29.07	158
1964	1743.1	4.8	247	25.59	135
1965	1725.9	4.7	311	30.68	156
1966	1687.1	4.6	296	32.87	171
1967	1882.5	5.2	310	30.14	158
1968	1656.0	4.5	282	28.11	149
1969	1780.9	4.8	284	26.50	154
1970	1805.1	4.9	305	28.31	176

TEMPERATURE STATISTICS

Month	Highest Max. Temperature	Lowest Min. Temperature
January	49	22
February	52	25
March	53	24
April	57	28
May	73	42
June	78	42
July	76	44
August	79	42
September	71	45
October	69	36
November	60	29
December	54	23

