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SLEAFORD URBAN DISTRICT  
COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
AND  
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE

YEARS

1955

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1956



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE  
AND  
TAXATION

FOR THE  
YEAR  
1900  
IN  
1901

SLEAFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
Chairman of the Council.	G. Dawson.	G. Dawson.
Chairman of the Committee.	E.W. Elmore.	S.S. Williams.
Councillor.	D.G. Parr	D.G. Parr.
Councillor.	W.M. Easton.	L. Kidd.
Councillor.	H A A Brewin.	H. A. Brewin.
Councillor.	S.S. Williams.	J.T. Perrett.
Councillor.	W. Rudkin.	W. Rudkin.

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

John W. Scholey, M.B., Ch.B.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND HOUSING OFFICER

T. E. Dagwell, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Joint Board.

Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.

Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Smoke Inspector.

Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute in Sanitary Science as applied to Buildings and Public Works.

HOUSING OFFICER'S ASSISTANT

H. G. Bettrem.

(until 12th June, 1955.)

A. V. Barraclough.

(from 1st July, 1955.)

PUPIL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

J. Foster.



The Surgery,  
Northgate,  
Sleaford.

15th August, 1957.

To the Chairman and Members of the Sleaford Urban District Council.  
Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Report for the years 1955 and 1956. The figures call for little comment and conform fairly closely to the National average.

During the years concerned we were lucky in remaining clear of any major epidemic in the Council's area. There were, unfortunately, several cases of paratyphoid Fever at a local Mental Hospital and we naturally had fears that amongst this type of patient the infection might spread rapidly. Fortunately the infection was well contained and I think this was mainly due to the energetic measures taken by the Superintendent and his Staff.

I am pleased to say that once again no case of diphtheria was notified. However, this does not call for any relaxation in the immunisation programme, and as this can now be combined with immunisation against Whooping Cough and Tetanus in the one course of injection, it should prove of even more value in preventing these infections.

The Council's Housing Programme has proceeded smoothly and it is now the question of Slum Clearance which is placing a heavy strain on the Health Department.

I wish to record my appreciation of the work of your Public Health Staff, the Clerk, and other members of the Council, who have at all times been most helpful.

I am Sir, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. SCHOLEY.

Medical Officer of Health.

## GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	4,549
Population - 1951 census	7,282
- Registrar General's Estimate, 30. 6. 55.	7,540
- Registrar General's Estimate, 30. 6. 56.	7,480
Number of inhabited houses according to the Rate Book in	
(i) 1955	2,302
(ii) 1956	2,318
Number of new houses completed during (i) 1955	14
(ii) 1956	33
Rateable value at (i) 1st October, 1955	£55,140
(ii) 1st October, 1956	£101,023
Sum represented by a penny rate (i) 1955	£216
(ii) 1956	£410

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

	1955			1956		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Live Births, Legitimate	58	42	100	50	53	103
Illegitimate	2	3	5	4	4	8
	60	45	105	54	57	111
Still Births, Legitimate	1	-	1	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	-	1	1	2	3

### Birth Rates

	1954	1955	1956
Birth Rate (Crude) per 1,000 of the estimated population	14.13	13.92	15.24
Birth Rate (Corrected) per 1,000 of the estimated population	14.13	13.92	15.24
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population, (England and Wales)	15.20	15.00	15.70
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population	0.27	0.13	0.40

### DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total
Number of Deaths (i) 1955	77	92	169
(ii) 1956	80	79	159
	1954	1955	1956
Death Rate (Crude) per 1,000 of the estimated population	19.14	22.41	21.25
Death Rate (Corrected) per 1,000 of the estimated population	17.03	18.82	12.11
Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population, (England and Wales)	11.30	11.70	11.70



<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 year</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of Deaths - Legitimate. 1955.	2	-	2
1956.	2	1	3
- Illegitimate. 1955.	-	-	-
1956.	1	0	1
	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
Death Rate per 1,000 live births.	18.87	19.05	36.04
Death Rate per 1,000 live births. (England and Wales.)	25.50	24.90	23.80

<u>CAUSES OF DEATH - 1955</u>	<u>MALE.</u>	<u>FEMALE.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Respiratory Tuberculosis.	2	1	3
Other Tuberculosis.	0	0	0
Syphilitic Disease.	0	0	0
Diphtheria.	0	0	0
Whooping Cough.	0	0	0
Meningococcal Infection.	0	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis.	0	0	0
Measles.	0	0	0
Other infective and parasitic diseases.	0	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	0	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, lungs, bronchus.	3	3	6
Malignant neoplasm, breast.	0	3	3
Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	0	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	9	5	14
Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	0	0	0
Diabetes.	0	0	0
Vascular lesions of the nervous system.	7	16	23
Coronary disease, angina.	6	9	15
Hyper-tension with heart disease.	2	1	3
Other heart disease.	21	28	49
Other circulatory disease.	2	4	6
Influenza.	0	0	0
Pneumonia.	2	4	6
Bronchitis.	4	3	7
Other diseases of the Respiratory system.	0	0	0
Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum.	0	0	0
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	1	0	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis.	1	0	1
Hyper-plasia of prostate.	7	0	7
Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion.	0	0	0
Congenital Malformations.	0	0	0
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	7	11	18
Motor vehicle accidents.	1	0	1
All other accidents.	2	0	2
Suicide.	0	0	0
Homicide and operations of war.	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>169</b>

CAUSES OF DEATH .. 1955	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Respiratory Tuberculosis.	1	0	1
Other Tuberculosis.	0	0	0
Syphilitic Disease.	0	0	0
Diphtheria.	0	0	0
Whooping Cough.	0	0	0
Meningococcal infections.	0	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis.	0	0	0
Measles.	0	0	0
Other infective and parasite diseases.	0	0	0
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	1	2	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	2	0	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast.	0	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	0	0	0
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	9	5	14
Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	0	1	1
Diabetes.	0	0	0
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	8	4	12
Coronary disease, angina.	18	10	28
Hyper-tension with heart disease.	1	3	4
Other heart disease.	21	18	39
Other circulatory disease.	5	6	11
Influenza.	0	0	0
Pneumonia.	3	9	12
Bronchitis.	1	4	5
Other diseases of the respiratory system.	1	1	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	0	0	0
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	0	0	0
Nephritis and nephrosis.	0	1	1
Hyper-plasia of prostate.	2	0	2
Pregnancy, child-birth, abortion	0	0	0
Congenital malformations.	0	2	2
Other defined and ill defined diseases.	4	5	9
Motor vehicle accidents.	0	1	1
All other accidents.	2	5	7
Suicide.	1	0	1
Homicide and operations of war.	0	0	0
TOTAL	80	79	159



## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

### Infectious Disease Hospitals.

No infectious disease hospital is provided in the Urban District and arrangements are made as necessary for cases requiring hospital treatment to be admitted into hospitals in the adjoining areas.

### Laboratory Facilities.

Bacteriological examinations are made by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Lincoln. Water samples are sent to the Public Analyst, Mr. W.W. Taylor, 1, Regent Street, Nottingham, when both chemical and bacteriological examinations are required.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following cases of infectious disease were notified

<u>1955</u>		<u>1956</u>	
Whooping Cough	40	Whooping Cough	21
Measles	15	Scarlet Fever	15
Tuberculosis	12	Tuberculosis	4
Paratyphoid	11	Erysipelas	1
Scarlet Fever	11		
Pneumonia	3		
Puerperal Pyrexia	2		
Erysipelas	2		
Acute Encephalitis	1		
<u>Total</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>41</u>

### Food Poisoning.

There were no cases of food poisoning during 1955. During 1956 there were two cases.

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948/51.

#### Section 47

One case in 1955 was considered but by arrangement a home help was provided and the improvements effected rendered further action under this section unnecessary.



REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
1955 and 1956.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my eighth and ninth Annual Reports on the Environmental Health Services of the Urban District for the years ending 31st December 1955 and 1956.

The two years under review are notable for the increase in activity in respect to the clearance of unfit houses and to the impetus given to the improvement in food hygiene produced by the coming into force of the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

The Council approved a programme for the clearance of about one eleventh of all houses in the town as unfit. Whilst a good start was made in implementing this programme, it is essential that a flow of new houses is ensured to enable re-housing of the displaced families to be achieved.

In spite of few newly built houses having become available during the two years under review, casual lettings have enabled the Council to rehouse a number of families from the waiting list. It can safely be said that the needs of families on the list at present bear no relationship to those five years ago, due to the steady progress that has been made. It would seem likely that when replacement houses for those unfit have been provided casual lettings might well cope with normal re-housing needs.

The Council has continued to control the Public Slaughterhouses and in spite of staffing difficulties has provided a good service. The premises are limited in many ways and as soon as the Government's slaughterhouse policy is settled, the Council must undoubtedly consider the need for alternative premises.

The food traders of the town have on the whole responded very well to the need for increased attention to food hygiene. The fact that it has been unnecessary to take any formal action in respect of premises indicates the co-operation that has been achieved. There is, however, no room for complacency and much remains to be done to achieve all that is desirable.

I have to thank the Council for their support and my fellow Officers, in particular those in my own department, for their assistance and co-operation during the period.

T. E. Dagwell.

Public Health Inspector & Housing Officer.



HOUSING ACT, 1936: PARTS II AND III

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954: SECTION 1.

### Form of Proposals.

Local authority ... SLEAFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Total number of permanent dwellings in the local authority's area ..2384.....

(i) Estimated number of houses unfit for human habitation within the meaning of section 9 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, and suitable for action under section 11 or section 25 of the Housing Act, 1956. .. .. . 211....

## Part 2. Orders already made, etc.

(iv) Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders have been submitted to the Minister but have not yet become operative. .. .. . NIL .....

(v) Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders are to be made or which are to be purchased by agreement within the five years. . . . . NIL . . . . .

(vii) Number of houses under (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) to be patched (if necessary) and retained within the five years under section 2 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, for temporary accommodation. . . . . NIL . . . . .



(viii) Number of houses under (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) to be demolished in the five years. . . . .	149
Number of houses (including those already comprised in operative demolition orders) to be demolished in the five years as a result of action under section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936. . . . .	8

During 1956 10 houses were included in clearance areas and Orders were subsequently made.

These were as follows:-

- a) The Sleaford Urban District (Westgate No.1.) Clearance Order, 1956. Numbers 74,76,78,80, Westgate and 4 & 5, Payne's Court, Westgate, Sleaford. Order confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government on the 13th of July, 1956.
- b) The Sleaford Urban District (Handley Street) Clearance Order, 1956. Numbers 29,31,33,35 and 37, Handley Street, Sleaford. Order confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government on the 30th of June, 1956.

Houses to accommodate the displaced families became available towards the end of 1956.

The number of Council houses let during the two years under review is as follows.

	1955	1956
Newly erected houses.	8	33
Pre-war houses.	10	7
Post war houses other than new.	7	20

Most of the first group of houses on the Gypsy Lane estate were let during 1956 and included 9 bungalows. The bungalow accommodation has proved extremely popular and there is undoubtedly a considerable need for this type of accommodation. There are many elderly couples and single persons, both in the Council's own houses and on the housing list who would welcome the allocation of this type of accommodation. There is inevitably a tendency also for aged persons to gravitate to slum property and the proportion of such people to whom it will be required to offer accommodation is quite high. It may be said that flats are an alternative and whilst the present type of flat which the Council has built provides good accommodation, generally speaking I would say that flats are not popular, particularly those on the first floor. I see no advantage in building flats as opposed to bungalows since the costs must be very little different.

The maintenance of the Council's houses is, in spite of difficulties, being kept at a high level. Rising costs have increased the figure spent on maintenance considerably over the last few years. The older houses too have reached the stage where they are in need of certain major repairs such as the renewal of unsatisfactory, damp or rotted floors. An attempt is also being made to provide up-to-date facilities where possible. It is pleasing to note that all cottage ranges have now been replaced by new firegrates. The abolition of damp tile floors and their replacement by thermoplastic tiles is now in hand. It is with great difficulty however that the standard has been achieved with the labour force at my disposal. The Council has now altered the direct labour establishment to include a plumber. I submitted to the Council also a case for the employment of an additional bricklayer and labourer. This was rejected and the accumulated work put out to private Contractors. Whilst this procedure enabled the work to be brought reasonably up-



HOUSING STATISTICS

	1955	1956
1. 1955	1955	1956
2. 1956	1955	1956
3. 1957	1955	1956
4. 1958	1955	1956
5. 1959	1955	1956
6. 1960	1955	1956
7. 1961	1955	1956
8. 1962	1955	1956
9. 1963	1955	1956
10. 1964	1955	1956
11. 1965	1955	1956
12. 1966	1955	1956
13. 1967	1955	1956
14. 1968	1955	1956
15. 1969	1955	1956
16. 1970	1955	1956
17. 1971	1955	1956
18. 1972	1955	1956
19. 1973	1955	1956
20. 1974	1955	1956
21. 1975	1955	1956
22. 1976	1955	1956
23. 1977	1955	1956
24. 1978	1955	1956
25. 1979	1955	1956
26. 1980	1955	1956
27. 1981	1955	1956
28. 1982	1955	1956
29. 1983	1955	1956
30. 1984	1955	1956
31. 1985	1955	1956
32. 1986	1955	1956
33. 1987	1955	1956
34. 1988	1955	1956
35. 1989	1955	1956
36. 1990	1955	1956
37. 1991	1955	1956
38. 1992	1955	1956
39. 1993	1955	1956
40. 1994	1955	1956
41. 1995	1955	1956
42. 1996	1955	1956
43. 1997	1955	1956
44. 1998	1955	1956
45. 1999	1955	1956
46. 2000	1955	1956
47. 2001	1955	1956
48. 2002	1955	1956
49. 2003	1955	1956
50. 2004	1955	1956
51. 2005	1955	1956
52. 2006	1955	1956
53. 2007	1955	1956
54. 2008	1955	1956
55. 2009	1955	1956
56. 2010	1955	1956
57. 2011	1955	1956
58. 2012	1955	1956
59. 2013	1955	1956
60. 2014	1955	1956
61. 2015	1955	1956
62. 2016	1955	1956
63. 2017	1955	1956
64. 2018	1955	1956
65. 2019	1955	1956
66. 2020	1955	1956
67. 2021	1955	1956
68. 2022	1955	1956
69. 2023	1955	1956
70. 2024	1955	1956
71. 2025	1955	1956
72. 2026	1955	1956
73. 2027	1955	1956
74. 2028	1955	1956
75. 2029	1955	1956
76. 2030	1955	1956
77. 2031	1955	1956
78. 2032	1955	1956
79. 2033	1955	1956
80. 2034	1955	1956
81. 2035	1955	1956
82. 2036	1955	1956
83. 2037	1955	1956
84. 2038	1955	1956
85. 2039	1955	1956
86. 2040	1955	1956
87. 2041	1955	1956
88. 2042	1955	1956
89. 2043	1955	1956
90. 2044	1955	1956
91. 2045	1955	1956
92. 2046	1955	1956
93. 2047	1955	1956
94. 2048	1955	1956
95. 2049	1955	1956
96. 2050	1955	1956
97. 2051	1955	1956
98. 2052	1955	1956
99. 2053	1955	1956

(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health or Housing Acts.	221	147
Number of inspections made for the purpose.	294	188
(b) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-heading (a) above), which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925.	1	10
(c) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	32	29

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in  
in consequence of informal action by the local  
authority or their officers. 38 23

(ii)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	Nil	Nil
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(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (i) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. 1 Nil
- (ii) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit.. Nil Nil

I am pleased to be able to report that 100% satisfaction has been carried out at the Alhambra. The number of flats condemned during the two years was 2 and 1 out of 100 in 1935 and 2 out of 100 in 1936. This is a very great decrease on previous years which is largely accounted for by the fact that most of the flats condemned in 1935 and 1936 were now let for a long time. It is also noted that in 1935 the flats were let for a long time. The all round quality of the flats which have been condemned is very high indeed. The principal reasons for condemnation are stated hereunder.

1935

HEALTH

2 Flats and all organs. Generalised tuberculosis and 1,504  
subacute peritonitis.

1 Flats and all organs. Tubercular peritonitis. 1,504

2 Flats and all organs. Septic peritonitis and 2,504  
peritonitis.

1 Flats and all organs. Tubercular peritonitis and 1,504  
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## MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

### Public Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection.

The Council has continued to manage the two slaughterhouses in the town as Public Slaughterhouses in a satisfactory manner as far as the limitations of the premises and availability of staff permit. Slaughtering is mainly confined to the first three days of the week and it is only by the use of casual labour which is often unreliable and late evening slaughtering that this has been achieved. The further two years of slaughtering has, undoubtedly, indicated that this should be the pattern of any slaughterhouse policy in the future. The premises, however, leave much to be desired both in facilities and situation and, as soon as the Government's policy and standards for slaughterhouses have been fixed, the replacement of the present premises by new must receive the Council's attention.

I am pleased to be able to report that 100% meat inspection has been carried out at the slaughterhouses. The amount of meat condemned during the two years was 9 tons 1 cwt 96 lbs. in 1955 and 5 tons 9 cwt 60 lbs. during 1956. This is a very great decrease on previous years which is largely accounted for by the fact that comparatively few casualty animals are now sent in for slaughter. It is to be noted that animals in 1955 affected with cysticercosis reached 2.97% of all beasts slaughtered. The all round quality of meat which passes through the slaughterhouses is very high indeed. The principal reasons for condemnation are stated hereunder.

#### 1955

##### BEASTS

<u>BEASTS</u>			<u>lbs.</u>
2	Beasts and all organs.	Generalised tuberculosis and tubercular peritonitis.	1,504
7	Beast forequarters.	Tubercular pericarditis.	1,644
4	Beasts and all organs.	Septic traumatic pericarditis Septicaemia and septic peritonitis.	2,264
2	Beasts and all organs	Emaciation, oedema and fever.	1,230
1	Beast hindquarter.		
2	Beasts and all organs.	Johne's disease.	970
	Beef and beast organs	Various conditions and diseases.	6,283

##### PIGS

1	Pig and all organs.	Generalised tuberculosis.	258
7	Pigs and all organs.	Pneumonia, peritonitis, and other conditions accompanied by fever.	755
3	Pigs and all organs.	Septicaemia and pyaemia.	282
1	Pig and all organs.	Dropsy and emaciation.	85
1	Pig and all organs.	Prolapsed rectum and oedema.	116
	Part of sow carcass.	Fractured pelvis.	101
	Pork and pig organs.	Various conditions and diseases.	2,622



SHEEP

lbs.

3	Sheep and all organs.	Septic pneumonia and other septic conditions.	216
1	Sheep and all organs.	Moribund.	50
1	Sheep and all organs.	Smothered.	68
	Mutton and sheep organs.	Various conditions and diseases.	151

1956BEAST

3	Beasts and all organs.	Tuberculosis, Tubercular peritonitis.	2,123
1	Beast forequarter.		
1	Beast and all organs.	Badly bled	550
1	Beast and all organs.	Septic peritonitis.	340
2	Beasts and all organs.	Pyæmia, pneumonia with multiple abscesses.	1,024
	Beef and beast organs.	Various conditions and diseases.	3,312

CALVES

	Veal and calf organs.	Various conditions and diseases.	39
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PIGS

1	Pig and all organs.	Tuberculosis.	176
1	Pig forequarter.		
5	Pigs and all organs.	Dropsy, ill bled, moribund.	431
4	Pigs and all organs.	Fevered.	197
5	Pigs and all organs.	Pyelonephritis, osteomyelitis, erysipelas	562
	Pork and pig organs.	Various conditions and diseases.	927

SHEEP

2	Sheep and all organs.	Ill bled.	166
2	Sheep and all organs.	Toxaemia and emaciation.	170
	Mutton and sheep organs.	Various conditions and diseases.	135



Carcases Inspected and Condenned.

SHEEP

<u>1955</u>	<u>Cattle.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep &amp; Lambs.</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number Killed and inspected.	742	4	2321	2301
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<u>All diseases except tuberculosis.</u>				
Whole carcasses condenned.	8	-	5	13
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Carcases of which some part or organ was condenned.	204	-	44	359
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Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	28.70	-	2.11	16.21
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<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>				
Whole carcasses condenned.	2	-	-	1
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Carcases of which some part or organ was condenned.	88	-	-	100
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Percentage of the number inspected affected with T.B.	12.13	-	-	4.39
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<u>Cysticercosis</u>				
Carcases of which some part or organ was condenned.	22			
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Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	21			
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Generalised and totally condenned.	-			

1956	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Number Killed and inspected.	752	2	2486	2175
All diseases except tuberculosis. Whole carcasses condemned.	4	-	4	13
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	223	1	25	220
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	30.45	-	1.17	10.76
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcasses condemned.	3	-	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	66	-	-	46
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	9.18	-	-	2.16
Cysticercosis Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	13	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	9	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-

#### Other Foods.

The following premises are registered in accordance with section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

The manufacture of sausage, etc.	10
The manufacture, sale and storage of ice cream.	3
Storage and sale only of ice cream.	18

Food premises are classified as under:-

Grocers.	12
Green Grocers.	9
General Stores.	8
Butchers.	11
Sweets and Confectionery.	9
Bakehouses.	6
Restaurants.	7
Residential Hotels.	5
Other Licenced Premises.	20

Total 87

No dairies are registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations,



1949, but two milk depots at which is stored overnight are used.

I have referred in my introductory letter to the co-operation of food traders who have been required to bring premises to improved standards and generally a good deal has been achieved. A number of premises do exist that have inherent defects such as bad arrangement in conjunction with congestion of buildings which are difficult to improve as one would like.

I would draw food handlers attention once more to the need for scrupulous personal cleanliness and to make it quite clear to them that there is a legal obligation placed upon them to behave decently where handling food is concerned. It is little use bringing premises to a reasonable standard if handlers are not prepared to accept responsibilities placed upon them.

#### Disposal of Condemned food.

##### Meat.

Meat from the Public Slaughterhouses is disposed of to a Contractor by whom the meat is processed. All condemned meat leaving the slaughterhouses is dyed.

##### Other Foods.

Other foods are disposed of by burying in the Council's refuse tip after mutilation. Amounts of such food are usually quite small. In certain cases, where food is condemned at institutions, destruction is by burning.

##### Other Foods Condemned.

The undermentioned foods, other than fresh meat, have been examined and found to be unfit for food.

#### 1955.

9 tins of meat, soup or fish.	Punctured, unsound.
1 tin of baked beans.	Blown.
7 lbs. of confectionery.	Unsound.
10½ lbs. of prawns.	Unsound.
19½ lbs. of Angel cake.	Moulds

#### 1956..

14 tins of meat, soup or fish.	Unsound, defective tins, punctured.
83 boxes of cheese.	Moulds.
10 tins of tomatoes.	Blown, unsound.



## Milk Supply.

The following were registered in the district during 1955 and 1956.

Distributors	2
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Dealers licences issued in respect of designated milk during the period.

Tuberculin Tested.	2
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Pasteurised.	2
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Sterilised.	2
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Samples of milk taken have in all cases proved satisfactory.

## Ice Cream.

The number of manufacturers of ice cream remained at three, one of whom which is registered for cold mix only did not produce during the year. The remaining two premises, one of which is cold mix, were regularly inspected during the season of production.

There were at the end of 1956 18 premises registered for the storage and sale only.

Samples taken showed the ice cream to be of satisfactory bacterial quality.

## WATER SUPPLY

The provision of the Gypsy Lane Housing Estate entailed the laying of 523 yards of 4" water main in 1955. The need for an adequate supply of water to Holdingham was also considered in 1955 and the Council authorised a scheme for a 6" main along the Lincoln Road with 4" branches in the village.

No other change took place during the two years and the source of supply has been adequate and of good quality. Results of chemical and bacteriological analysis follow.

## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

During 1955 289 yards of 6" sewer and 33 yards of 9" sewer were laid on the new Gypsy Lane Housing Estate. No other additions to the sewerage system were made.

The first stage of the sewage disposal works which was completed in 1954, functioning by itself clearly was as great a nuisance incomplete as was the old land irrigation scheme. The Council accordingly felt it essential that the remainder of the scheme to complete the works should be put in hand. Work on this second stage was in progress during 1956.

## REFUSE DISPOSAL

There has been no change in the collection and disposal of refuse during the 2 years although the Surveyor has reported difficulty in maintaining a weekly collection due to the increasing number of premises from which collection has to be made.

## MOVABLE DWELLINGS

Continued action has been necessary with regard to itinerant caravan dwellers whose livelihood demands a stay of several weeks in any particular area. The present inadequate and confused state of the legislation makes their control difficult. It is apparent that the need for a caravan site on which vans may be stationed both permanently and casually must be satisfied.



Date of Sample.

PER MILLION PARTS.  
28th September, 1955.

Total solids dried at 180°C.  
Suspended matter.  
Chlorides as Chlorine.  
Oxidised Nitrogen as Nitrate.  
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Free and Saline Ammonia.  
Albumin and Ammonia.  
Temporary Hardness.  
Permanent Hardness.  
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours @  
80°F from N/80  $\text{KMnO}_4$ .  
pH value.  
Appearance.  
Odour.  
Taste & Colour.  
Heavy metals.  
Free Chlorine.

No. of colonies developing per ml.  
on agar at 21°C in 72 hrs.  
No. of colonies developing per ml.  
on agar at 37°C in 24 hrs.  
No. of colonies developing per ml.  
on agar at 37°C in 48 hrs.  
Coli-aerogenes count per 100 mls.  
at 37°C in 48 hrs.  
Faecal coli count per 100 mls. at  
44°C in 48 hrs.  
Bacillus coli Presumptive per 100  
mls.

PER MILLION PARTS. 28th September, 1955.		Low Level Reservoir	High Level Reservoir.
440.00	440.00	Absent	Absent
28.40	28.40	Absent	Absent
4.00	4.00	Absent	Absent
0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004
0.020	0.020	0.020	0.020
225.00	225.00	225.00	225.00
135.00	131.00	135.00	131.00
0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16
7.30	7.30	7.30	7.30
Clear & Bright	Clear & Bright	Clear & Bright	Clear & Bright
Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
0.03	0.025	0.03	0.025
2	5	2	5
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent

Date of Sample.

21st March 1956

PER MILLION PARTS

26th July 1956

Deep Well  
Quarryington.

High Level  
Reservoir.

Untreated Water taken from Drain Tap  
on Centrifugal Pump, direct from bore.

Total Solids dried at 180°C.

Suspended Matter.

Chlorides as Chlorine.

Oxidised Nitrogen as Nitrate.

Oxidised Nitrogen as Nitrite.

Free and Saline Ammonia.

Albuminoid Ammonia.

Temporary Hardness.

Permanent Hardness.

Oxygen absorbed in 4 hrs. @ 80°F

from N/80 KMnO<sub>4</sub>.

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on agar at 37°C in 48 hrs.

Coli-aerogenes count per 100 mls.  
at 37°C. in 48 hrs.

Faecal coli count per 100 mls.  
at 44°C. in 48 hrs.

Bacillus coli Presumptive  
per 100 mls.

470.00 Absent 28.40 2.80 Absent 0.012 0.008 215.00 135.00	460.00 Absent 28.0 2.80 Absent 0.004 0.008 210.00 126.00	460.00 Absent 28.40 3.50 Absent 0.115 0.012 210.00 120.00
0.28 7.10 Clear & Bright None Normal Absent Absent	0.20 7.30 Clear & Bright None Normal Absent Absent	0.12 7.10 Clear & Bright None Normal Absent Absent
48	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	1
0	0	0
0	0	0
Absent	Absent	Absent



## RODENT CONTROL

The incidence of rat and mice infestation in the area continues to be kept at a minimum and rarely are infestations found to be other than of a minor character. There is no doubt that the services of the Rodent Operator, available at all times, has created a highly satisfactory situation in this district with regard to infestations.

The twice yearly treatment of the Council's sewers has again shown them to be reasonably clear of infestation. The barrel sewer in Westgate continues to be the main area where infestation is centred

Details of the work carried out by the Rodent Operator for the two 12 month periods ended 31st March, 1956 and 31st March, 1957 are as follows: -

		<u>1955/6</u>	<u>1956/7</u>
Total number of inspections.		1,605	1,737
Infestations found.	Rats. Major infestations.	1	Nil
	Minor infestations.	239	188
	Mice. Major infestations.	Nil	Nil
	Minor infestations.	12	21
	Totals.	<u>252</u>	<u>211</u>
Number of treatments involved.		283	258