

**From:** localdir  
**Sent:** 26 November 2010 12:15  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Expenditure Items  
**Hi** [REDACTED]

we don't currently store links for the Fire authorities on our system (only councils) but I have passed your link on to the team responsible for updating the following page on the DCLG website so that they can add your link on:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/fire/about/fireserviceexpenditure/>

cheers

[REDACTED]  
Local Directgov

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**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@northyorksfire.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 24, 2010 2:52 PM  
**To:** localdir  
**Subject:** Expenditure Items

[http://www.northyorksfire.gov.uk/performance/accounts\\_expenses/local-transparency/Index.html](http://www.northyorksfire.gov.uk/performance/accounts_expenses/local-transparency/Index.html)

Good afternoon

Are you able to accept the link above for information on our expenditure over £500?

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Management Accountant (Finance)  
North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service  
Tel: [REDACTED]  
[ Mail: [REDACTED]@northyorksfire.gov.uk

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 November 2010 14:23  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW:

Looks like you send the info here-

Below is the format required for batch update which should be submitted to [LocalDirectGov@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:LocalDirectGov@communities.gsi.gov.uk) in .csv format with "expenditure items" in the subject line of the email

Regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Communications Officer  
North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service  
Direct Line: [REDACTED]  
Mobile: [REDACTED]  
[www.northyorksfire.gov.uk](http://www.northyorksfire.gov.uk)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 November 2010 14:21  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:**

[http://www.northyorksfire.gov.uk/performance/accounts\\_expenses/local-transparency/index.html](http://www.northyorksfire.gov.uk/performance/accounts_expenses/local-transparency/index.html)

Regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Communications Officer  
North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service  
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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 29 November 2010 10:43  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: help with LGSL 1465 LGIL 8  
Sorry [REDACTED]

Apparently I just missed the deadline on this. I shall make sure you are included in the next update

regards

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From: [REDACTED] (mailto:[REDACTED]@eastdevon.gov.uk)  
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2010 9:42 AM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: help with LGSL 1465 LGIL 8

Hi [REDACTED]

Hope you had a good weekend.

Thank you for getting back to me and investigating the case.

As of 9.30 Monday morning we're still not on the list. I'll keep an eye on it and get back to you if we're still missing tomorrow morning.

Ciao,

[REDACTED]  
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ICT Systems Analyst  
East Devon District Council

room 6 - Knowle  
t. [REDACTED]  
ext. [REDACTED]  
m. [REDACTED]  
e. [REDACTED]@eastdevon.gov.uk  
w. www.eastdevon.gov.uk

From: [REDACTED] (mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gsl.gov.uk)  
Sent: 26 November 2010 16:41  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: help with LGSL 1465 LGIL 8

FYI

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, November 26, 2010 4:40 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: help with LGSL 1465 LGIL 8

no he didn't, I didn't run the report until gone 5.00 pm- East Devon will be on Communities site by Monday

[REDACTED]

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**From:** localdir  
**Sent:** Friday, November 26, 2010 4:36 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: help with LGSL 1465 LGIL 8

Looks like he loaded his link late yesterday so I have told him that he just missed the boat this week but will be added next week

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**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@eastdevon.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 25, 2010 4:06 PM  
**To:** localdir  
**Subject:** help with LGSL 1465 LGIL 8

Hello,

We've updated the service LGSL 1465, LGIL 8 "Find out about details of council expenditure over £500", but despite the claim "Service details entered below will be immediately made available on the live system." When I've checked <http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/localgovernmentexpenditure/> our details are not published.

Are we doing something wrong?

R

Ciao,

[REDACTED]  
ICT Systems Analyst  
East Devon District Council

room 6 - Knowle  
t. [REDACTED]  
ext. [REDACTED]  
m. [REDACTED]  
e. [REDACTED]@eastdevon.gov.uk  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 November 2010 21:07  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Publisher Access to Data.gov.uk  
Many thanks for keeping us informed, [REDACTED] and we'll await a link to the ELDC data.

My colleague, [REDACTED], will arrange for the DCLG transparency webpage and timeline to be updated with South Holland District Council's details.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
DCLG  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@compasspointbusiness.co.uk]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 29, 2010 6:22 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Publisher Access to Data.gov.uk

Hi [REDACTED]  
The South Holland District Council data is now available  
<http://www.sholland.gov.uk/council/finance/PaymentsToSuppliers.htm> I'll be registering this on data.gov.uk in the next day or so. The ELDC data will be later this week.  
Regards,  
[REDACTED]

**Web Technology Specialist**  
Compass Point Business Services (East Coast) Ltd  
Council Offices  
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Web: [www.compasspointbusiness.co.uk](http://www.compasspointbusiness.co.uk)

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**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 24 November 2010 10:40  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Publisher Access to Data.gov.uk

Dear [REDACTED]  
Thank you for your e-mail which I am passing to the data.gov.uk team so that they may arrange publisher access for you. Apologies for not getting back to you sooner on this.  
It would be helpful if you could please send me a link to the pages detailing £500 expenditure for South Holland and East Lindsey District Councils when available, so that we may list them on the DCLG transparency WebPages and timeline. Many thanks.  
Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Local Public Data Unit - Transparency Division  
Local Government & Economic Growth  
Department for Communities & Local Government  
3/14 Eland House



Bressenden Place  
London SW1E 5DU  
Tel: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2010 4:14 PM  
**To:** LPDU  
**Subject:** Publisher Access to Data.gov.uk

Hi,  
I've just registered on data.gov.uk and following the guidance <http://data.gov.uk/blog/guidance-including-data-datagovuk-index> I'd now like to have publisher access rights please. I work for Compass Point Business Services (a new shared service owned by and working on behalf of both South Holland District Council and East Lindsey District Council) I would like to be able to publish on behalf of the two authorities, initially the £500 transactions data, but other feeds will follow.

My username is [REDACTED]  
Regards,  
[REDACTED]

**Web Technology Specialist**  
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From: [REDACTED]@chorley.gov.uk  
Sent: 30 November 2010 11:42  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Expenditure Items over £500  
Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for this. Is it still failing for you?

It looks like your firewall, WebWasher, doesn't like the way our CMS published documents. I have tested this link from both inside our network and externally over the web and it works fine each time for me.

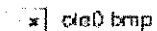
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Senior Systems and Web Integration Developer

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]  
Sent: 26 November 2010 14:55  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Expenditure Items over £500

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for providing your 1465/8 interaction: Find out about your councils expenditure over £500. Corey should be added to the lists on the Communities web site sometime today. The reason I am writing is that I always check new links and open the attached files.

I could not open the .xls file and got the following screenshot:

 c1e0 bmp

I thought I would bring this to your attention. The pdf file works fine.

Regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Local Directgov Programme Manager  
Department for Communities and Local Government  
Home & Community Franchise  
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From: [REDACTED]@shepway.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@shepway.gov.uk]

Sent: Wednesday, December 01, 2010 2:00 PM

To: contactus@communities.gov.uk

Subject: Transparency & Accountability in Local Government-Shepway now publishing!!

Please note that Shepway District Council has been publishing data of their transaction to external supplies over £500 since September 2010 and have just gone live with SpotlightonSpend.

Please could you let me know when this will be updated on your website?

Any queries please let me know.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Group Accountant

Financial Services

Direct Dial [REDACTED]

Fax: 01303 853296

[REDACTED]@shepway.gov.uk

www.shepway.gov.uk

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]@hounslow.gov.uk]  
 Sent: 08 December 2010 10:08  
 To: 'Heston CDA'  
 Cc: EEMA\_EPICKLES; [redacted]; mary.macleod.mp@parliament.uk  
 Subject: RE: Local Government Transparency (Hounslow)

Dear Heston CDA

My comments are as follows.

Council staffs are using reporting tools available within its financial system to generate the necessary reports for the publication of payments over £500. No additional software modules are needed and there is no additional cost to the Council of using this software to generate payment information and no payments are being made to Unit 4 or any other third party for generating these reports.

The Council has published payments over £500 made during September 2010 on its website. Details of payments made during October and November 2010 will be published during December.

Regards

[redacted]

From: Heston CDA [mailto:contact@hestoncda.org]  
 Sent: 29 November 2010 14:30  
 To: [redacted]  
 Cc: 'eric.nickle@communities.gsi.gov.uk'; [redacted]; macleod.mp@parliament.uk; [redacted]  
 Subject: RE: Local Government Transparency (Hounslow)  
 Importance: High

Dear [redacted]

Any idea when we should expect a response, given your own target from below is 2 days from now?

Regards,  
 Heston CDA  
 Community - Democracy - Awareness | W: Heston CDA  
 Email: contact@hestoncda.org  
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From: Heston CDA  
 Sent: 23 November 2010 22:39  
 To: [redacted]  
 Subject: RE: Local Government Transparency (Hounslow)

Dear [redacted]

Not a problem at all. Heston CDA is more than one individual so addressing us as such is fine.

Essentially, we were happy with your initial response for the anticipated target date. We just thought we could offer further assistance by way of introductions given the below reasoning and if the council is a) having to pay for the services of unit 4 and b) for what exactly i.e. if unit 4 only produces the reports with

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the council still having to use its own systems/resources thereafter there may be a more innovative and cost effective method from organisations and solutions we are aware of.

Hence the offer to make introductions / provide options for your consideration so you can liaise directly as you feel appropriate.

Regards,  
Heston CDA  
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From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@hounslow.gov.uk]  
Sent: 22 November 2010 15:29  
To: Heston CDA  
Subject: RE: Local Government Transparency (Hounslow)

Dear Heston CDA

Thank you for your message I will prepare a substantive response - could you give me your name please?

Regards

[redacted]  

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From: Heston CDA [mailto:[contact@hestoncda.org](mailto:contact@hestoncda.org)]  
Sent: 19 November 2010 10:42  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: Mary Macleod [mailto:[mary.macleod.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:mary.macleod.mp@parliament.uk)]  
Subject: RE: Local Government Transparency (Hounslow)  
Importance: High

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your email. From your email, we assume that the supplier simply generates reports and that the council will 'publish' using its own systems.

Can you confirm cost implications and to whom? As this is an additional requirement/module of the council's systems, one would assume that Unit 4 will be charging the council for this. Subsequently one would assume that this cost is covered by the tax payer? Can you confirm?

If it does cost in any way shape or form - in our view this is potentially another waste of funds from the public purse. Particularly at a time of global austerity measures.

Would the council be interested in an introduction to a system to deliver this for free? If so please advise urgently and we will do so.

With thanks,

Regards,  
Heston CDA  
Community - Democracy - Awareness | W: Heston CDA  
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From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@hounslow.gov.uk]  
Sent: 19 November 2010 10:19

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To: Heston CDA  
Cc: Mayor; [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Local Government Transparency (Hounslow)

Dear Heston CDA

Thank you for your message.

The Council is using its corporate financial system, which is provided by a company called Unit 4 (formerly Aggresso), to generate reports of expenditure over £500. This information will be published on the Council's website in accordance with the publication of information requirements set out by the Government. No third parties are involved in the process.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: Heston CDA [mailto:contact@hestoncda.org]  
Sent: 18 November 2010 07:57  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Mayor; [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Local Government Transparency (Hounslow)

Dear [REDACTED]

Hope you are well, just wondering if there is any news on this yet given there is only two weeks left to your anticipated target date?

With thanks:

Regards,  
Heston CDA  
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From: Heston CDA  
Sent: 16 November 2010 14:07  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Mayor; [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Local Government Transparency (Hounslow)

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your response. This answers all queries.

Incidentally, what system/software does Hounslow Council intend on using and does it cost anything to deploy this system?

Is it outsourced to the private sector or is it being developed in-house by council staff?

If outsourced, could you advise to whom/which company?

With Thanks.

Regards,  
Heston CDA  
Community - Democracy - Awareness | W: Heston CDA

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
Sent: 16 November 2010 13:38  
To: Heston CDA  
Cc: Mayor; [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: Local Government Transparency (Hounslow)

Dear Heston CDA

Thank you for your message

This has been past to me to reply as director of finance

This issue is being dealt with by the shared service centre which is in the finance department

Hounslow Council anticipates publishing details of its payments over £500 from 1 December 2010. This data will be published on the Council's website and via a press release.

Please contact this office if I can be of further assistance

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
Director of Finance

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From: Heston CDA [mailto:[contact@hestoncda.org](mailto:contact@hestoncda.org)]  
Sent: 11 November 2010 10:54  
To: Mayor; [REDACTED]  
Subject: Local Government Transparency (Hounslow)

*Remember 2 minutes silence at 1100 Hrs GMT today.*

Dear Hounslow Mayor/Council/Councillors,

We were unable to find a single point of contact email address for the council on its web site for the following query.

We hope you can assist or point us in the right direction.

- In accordance with the Prime Minister's and CLG Mandate, we believe 60 councils and their councillors have now opened their books/expenditure to public scrutiny.

From the listing Hounslow council does not appear to be one of these as yet.

could you please advise:

- By When Hounslow Council anticipates the publishing of data to be complete?
- Advise how does Hounslow Council intend on communicating/informing the publication of its data to all residents/constituents?
- If possible please provide the necessary links to view the data?

References:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/>  
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/localgovernmentexpenditure/>

08/12/2010

Thank you.

Regards,  
Heston CDA  
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6 December 2010

[REDACTED]  
via email:

[REDACTED]@bamsley.gov.uk

Our Ref: 61/036799/10

Your Ref:

Dear [REDACTED]

### **Local Government Expenditure over £500**

Thank you for your email of 4 November 2010. Your email has been passed to the Directorate for Local Government and Economic Growth and I have been asked to respond. I apologise for the delay in replying.

From January 2011 local authorities will be required to publish details of all their expenditure over £500. We do not currently expect this requirement to extend to maintained schools. Local authorities' expenditure on goods/services which are used by schools should count as local authority expenditure for this requirement. This should include local authorities' spending of the proportion of the DSG that they retain centrally. Individual schools' delegated budgets are paid to them through their local authority, but this should not count as local authority expenditure even where schools use their local authorities' accounting system for their own accounts

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 December 2010 15:40  
**To:** [REDACTED]@poole.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Future transparency in Local Government Conference

[REDACTED]

It was good to meet you today. Hope you enjoyed the conference and managed to get back to Poole safely.

Here, as promised, are a couple of contacts at Bedford that you might want to contact in finalising your process for signing off £500 spend details, redacting information and handling FOI requests:

Annabel.scholes@bedford.gov.uk - she's the Assistant Director (Finance)  
Neil.mulholland@bedford.gov.uk - he's the head of corporate finance

It will also be worth looking at Solihull's £500 spend data to see how they've set out their reports.

As I mentioned, if you did go ahead with any events with citizens groups once you've published your spend data, we'd be happy to be involved. This would provide us with a useful insight into data literacy issues at the local level. If you'd like us to contribute on unpacking some key local government finance issues we could do that too.

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Look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

DDDT  
Zone 3/J3  
Eland House  
Tel: [REDACTED]  
Mobile: [REDACTED]

Please note I work Mon-Weds

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 08 December 2010 14:12  
To: [REDACTED]@thanet.gov.uk  
Cc: 'Data.gov.uk Team'  
Subject: RE: [Questions] URI

Dear [REDACTED]  
With apologies for the delay in responding to your enquiry but if you have not yet identified the URI for Thanet District Council, it is: <http://statistics.data.gov.uk/doc/local-authority/29UN>

In order to find a URI for councils, you need to do the following:

1/ Find the SNAC code for the council - Go to the following site which shows a list of the SNAC codes for all local authorities

<http://www.pezholo.co.uk/snaclookup.php>

Thanet is 29UN

2/ Use the SNAC code to find a URI that uniquely identifies in this case Thanet District Council - Plug the SNAC code onto the end of the URI found in Appendix I of the local spending guidance found here:

<http://data.gov.uk/blog/local-spending-data-guidance>: <http://statistics.data.gov.uk/id/local-authority/41UD> becomes

<http://statistics.data.gov.uk/doc/local-authority/29UN>. This is a URI for Thanet District Council.

I hope this is helpful and apologies again for the delay in replying

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Local Public Data Unit - Transparency Division  
Local Government & Economic Growth  
Department for Communities & Local Government  
3/14 Eland House  
Bressenden Place  
London, SW1E 5DU  
Tel: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@communities.gov.uk

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED]@thanet.gov.uk  
Date: Mon, Nov 1, 2010 at 4:29 PM  
Subject: [Questions] URI  
To: [REDACTED]@data.gov.uk

[REDACTED] sent a message using the contact form at <http://data.gov.uk/contact>.

We are required to publish the name of the URI that represents our council (Thanet) and I have done a search on this site and couldn't find it - can you help. This is part of the requirement to publish supplier spend over £500.

Many thanks

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From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: 09 December 2010 14:05  
 To: [REDACTED]  
 Cc: NDRUSER; [REDACTED]@hyndburnbc.gov.uk  
 Subject: RE: burdens & related grants -Re: Ending National Indicator NI179  
 Hello [REDACTED]

Thanks for the email - just to confirm I think the 7th Dec documents you're referring to are the practitioner guides published by the LG Group here <http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pagelId=2237887B> ? I know they were working through comments made on their documents.

I confess I don't fully understand your point below about the integrated report, but would be v interested in how you have approached the issue and how you have / are thinking of adapting systems. Do you have time for a discussion?

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@hyndburnbc.gcsx.gov.uk]  
 Sent: Thursday, December 09, 2010 1:18 PM  
 To: [REDACTED]  
 Cc: NDRUSER; [REDACTED]@hyndburnbc.gov.uk  
 Subject: burdens & related grants -Re: Ending National Indicator NI179

hello [REDACTED]

can you indicate please the present DCLG and/or Parliamentary timetable for the intended revocation of the Regns which came in from latter part of 2008/09?

(which had required authorities to publish the reckonable totals etc of CRS07 / NI 179 actual & forecast cumulative Annual Efficiency Savings on the face of CTax bills (by billing authorities) and more so for accompanying leaflets, issued for 2009/10, 2010/11 - and would also have applied to 11/12 demand notices & leaflets)

Also of some concern here is whether the further instalment of related grants (revenue and/or capital) should not still be received by March 2011. You'll recall that authorities received such special capital grant amounts in or by March 2009 & March 2010; and revenue grants at same time **and a further revenue amount (also toward recurring costs incl'g print etc costs) was to come to us by end of 2010/11.**

If/when we now delete those existing parts of the CTax bills and Leaflets, this will still involve costs (in own-staff time - and that of software provider in the case of bills inclusions change). **So shouldn't there be at least another 'capital' grant payment to us?**

The Coalition Govt, eg via DCLG, does appear to continue to recognise the burden(s) on local resources of new initiatives or requirements from the centre.

In November 2010, for example, we at Hyndburn BC received a calculated share (some 79k) of an overall ? 3.43m toward **Extra Administration Costs associated with supporting the NNDR one-year increase in small business rate relief (SBRR)** - emanating from the Chancellor's June 2010 emergency budget announcements. This is why I'm CC-ing to NDR@communities.gsi.gov.uk

However - and I realise that a different division within the DCLG may be dealing with this - the centre's urging for the **Online Monthly Publishing of Spending over 7500** has not, so far, included any promise of special grant to support the local resource implications taking place (significant staff time in developing, implementing initially & ongoing, running and reviewing / redacting before publishing, etc etc). AT HBC an assembled group, convened by me, has produced an integrated draft for a recent month - and the live intro is currently mainly dependent on the latest view awaited from the \Leader of the Council led by I, and possibly others, made an appropriate related comment / suggestion in October during that 1st-19th Oct 2010 consultation period; but no response appears to have been included in further documents from the centre on 7th December.

This is why I'm also CC-ing this to [REDACTED] within DCLG. I may also email to LG Transparency on that issue.



Can you reply asap please [redacted] particularly on the timing of the efficiency info publishing Regns revocation; and my enquiry in this email concerning the related revenue and/or capital grant?

Regards, [redacted]

Head of Accountancy Services,  
Hyndburn Borough Council,  
in Lancashire

>>> [redacted] 10/18/10 5:03 PM >>>

Dear efficiency colleagues,

Since 2008 local authorities have been required to submit data on cumulative value for money gains for National Indicator 179.

Recently, we wrote to advise authorities to postpone collection and submission of a NI179 data pending further announcement.

Ministers have now confirmed that local authorities will not be required to submit efficiency savings data through National Indicator 179 (value for money gains) again.

You can use the following hotlink to navigate to the DataHub's news page, where further information can be found:

<https://www.hub.info4local.gov.uk/DIHWEB/HubCommunications.aspx>

- **Ministers are ending the collection and submission of NI 179 (value for money gains) with immediate effect.**
- **NI179 outturn data from 2009/10 will be included in the publication of the DataHub's contents.**
- In July 2010 Ministers announced their intention to revoke the requirement to include efficiency data on council tax bills and leaflets, so NI179 data will not be needed for this purpose.
- Ministers are clear regarding the need for councils to continue examining what every penny of tax payers' money delivers. Reducing the imposition of top-down reporting requirements like NI179 will help give local government much greater freedom to make their own decisions about where and how savings are found.

Many thanks

[redacted]  
Efficiency  
Strategy, Revenue and Capital  
Communities and Local Government  
5/H2 Eland House  
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London SW1E 6DU

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**Sent:** Friday, December 10, 2010 3:09 PM  
**To:** contactus@communities.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Local Transparency Data

Dear Sir/Madam,

Stevenage Borough Council will be publishing their local transparency data in the next couple of weeks in line with guidance issued.

The Council House stock for Stevenage Borough Council is managed by an ALMO – Stevenage Homes Ltd. In the guidance that has been written there is not a reference to whether or not ALMO's must publish expenditure over £500.

I would be grateful if you could confirm whether Stevenage Homes Ltd will need to publish their data by the 1<sup>st</sup> January deadline.

Many Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

**Corporate Procurement Manager**

Stevenage Borough Council  
Daneshill House  
Danestrete  
Stevenage  
SG1 1HN

Direct Dial [redacted]  
Fax: 01438 242621  
Email [redacted]@stevenage.gov.uk

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**From:** [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@cheshireeast.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 13, 2010 8:13 AM  
**To:** 'contactus@communities.gov.uk'  
**Subject:** Cheshire East Spending over £500

Hi,

Cheshire East Borough Council are now publishing all spend over £500 this information is available at;

[http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council\\_and\\_democracy/your\\_council/how\\_the\\_council\\_works/council\\_finance.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/your_council/how_the_council_works/council_finance.aspx)

Please can you add this to the list of Councils on

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/localgovernmentexpenditure/afexpendituredata/>

Thanks,

[redacted]  
Procurement Officer  
Cheshire East Council  
Emperor Court  
Electra Way  
Crewe  
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[redacted]  
[redacted]@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 14 December 2010 10:38  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Transparency and spend over £500  
Many thanks. [REDACTED]

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
DCLG  
T. [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@wmfs.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 10:33 AM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Transparency and spend over £500

Hi there,

Further to the earlier e mail here is the web link for the WEST MIDLANDS FIRE SERVICE

[http://www.wmfs.net/Our\\_Performance/Statement\\_of\\_Accounts/Local\\_Transparency/](http://www.wmfs.net/Our_Performance/Statement_of_Accounts/Local_Transparency/)

If there are any problems, please get back to me

Many thanks

[REDACTED]  
Principal Accountant ( IFRS)  
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]  
Sent: 13 December 2010 12:32  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: contactus@communities.gov.uk; Hulya Mustafa; [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: Transparency and spend over £500

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for contacting the department and informing us that the West Midlands Fire Authority have now published spending information online.

I am passing your enquiry to colleagues who lead on this area and will ensure that WM Fire Authority are added to the DCLG transparency WebPages. It would be helpful if you could provide a link to your WebPages with the spending details to my colleague [REDACTED] (copied in above). Many thanks.

I hope this is helpful.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Local Public Data Unit - Transparency Division  
Local Government & Economic Growth  
Department for Communities & Local Government  
3/H4 Eland House  
Bressenden Place  
London SW1E 6DU  
Tel: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk

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**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@wmfs.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 13, 2010 9:57 AM  
**To:** 'contactus@communities.gov.uk'  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Transparency and spend over £500

Hi there,

I work for the West Midlands Fire Authority.

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They have recently begun to publish this spending information on their internet site and want to know whether it is possible to have it included within the Communities and Local Government site, along side the other Fire Authorities. Could you get someone to contact me and explain how this can be done.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]  
Principal Accountant (IFRS)  
[REDACTED]

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Councillor Alan Ward  
Executive Member for Finance, Resources & Assets



AFW/CAM

16 December 2010

Eric Pickles Esq MP  
Secretary of State  
Communities and Local Government  
Eland House  
Bressenden Place  
London  
SW1E 5DU

Minister	GS
Subject	Transparency
Official	DDT

Dear Mr Pickles

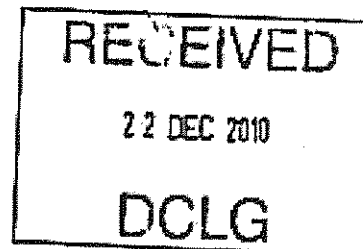
There has been a good deal of debate about the Government's transparency agenda in local government circles and, at Bracknell Forest, we are committed to publishing all the data we can to meet the targets we have been set. The guidance on spend data published by the LGA has been helpful and we expect to be fully compliant with this by January 2011.

What concerns me though is the target for tenders and contracts. This is a far taller order for most authorities than spend data, because, unlike spend, purchasing is rarely controlled centrally. In common with many of our peers, we operate a highly devolved model for Council procurement. Whereas our central professional team handles all the larger contracts, most of the routine low level purchasing is done by literally hundreds of operational staff within departments. Our central database only covers the larger, more formal contracts. Proposals to publish all tenders, requests for quotation, individual orders and contracts down to £500 therefore present a significant challenge. Yet despite these inherent organisational difficulties, we have as yet seen no guidance whatsoever, even in draft, on what precisely is expected. For comprehensive publication of contracts and tenders therefore, the January target is beginning to look highly optimistic. Even the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead have not thus far been able to publish this data.

My fear is that far from reducing bureaucracy in local government as we intend, we are in danger of creating a whole new swathe of administrative work for officers who we would rather see delivering front line services.

Very best wishes

Councillor Alan Ward



EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND ASSETS  
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From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: 16 December 2010 12:18  
 To: [REDACTED]@bucksec.gov.uk  
 Cc: 'Data.gov.uk Team'; [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: [Questions] Publishing details of £500 payments

Dear [REDACTED]

We spoke. Thank you for your enquiry regarding online publication of Buckinghamshire County Council's expenditure over £500. I apologise for the delay in replying.

We will feed your comments to the Local Public Data Panel for their consideration when reviewing the local spending guidance posted on the data.gov.uk site at this link: <http://data.gov.uk/blog/local-spending-data-guidance>. However, as I mentioned when we spoke you may find it helpful to look at the Local Government Group practitioners guide at this link - <http://lgtransparency.readandcomment.com/>.

I can provide the following response to your specific points:

1 - In order to find the UR/ID for Buckinghamshire County Council, you need to do the following:  
 i) Find the SNAC code for the council - Go to the following site which shows a list of the SNAC codes for all local authorities: <http://www.pezholia.co.uk/snaclookup.php> (BCC is 11)  
 ii) Use the SNAC code to find a URI that uniquely identifies in this case Buckinghamshire County Council - Plug the SNAC code onto the end of the URI found in Appendix i of the local spending guidance found here: <http://data.gov.uk/blog/local-spending-data-guidance>:

<http://statistics.data.gov.uk/id/local-authority/41UD> becomes <http://statistics.data.gov.uk/doc/local-authority/11>. This is a URI for Buckinghamshire County Council.

2 - This is the invoice number that is on the invoice which the supplier sends in but please also see the revised LGA local spending practitioners guide, which suggests that supplier invoices should not be included - please refer to "Payment details" heading in the guide <http://lgtransparency.readandcomment.com/files/2010/12/101209-Local-Spend-Data-Practitioners-Guide-V1.2.pdf>

3 - Schools - payments to schools from BCC - this is the current message from the Department for Education but still under review: *The accountability and transparency of schools spending (including maintained schools, academies and free schools) and the role local authorities might have in this is still being developed. As soon as an approach has been agreed for items of expenditure over £500, we will let interested parties know. We are committed to increasing transparency and information for the public about school funding and expenditure. We are also committed to minimising bureaucratic burdens on schools, so it is important that any new requirements we place on schools are proportionate and non-bureaucratic. Maintained schools already provide expenditure information to the DfE through the Consistent Financial Reporting (CFR) framework. From January 2011 the DfE will publish information annually about each maintained school's expenditure using this CFR data. This approach will provide greater transparency on schools' spending whilst minimising burdens on schools. The YPLA are reviewing academies' financial reporting and monitoring arrangements, and their review is taking account of the wider transparency agenda.*

4 - Payments to HMRC - Please the latest guidance available at LGID - particularly this page - <http://lgtransparency.readandcomment.com/3-2-what-should-not-be-published/>

5 - Petty cash one-off and ad-hoc payments to individuals should be included and redacted as necessary if over £500.

6 - The rule from Treasury is that if the total value of an invoice is £500 or greater, then every line within that invoice shall be reported, even where any one line is less than £500. The exception to this is GPC journals, which the report sources from the General Ledger and not from Accounts Payable. If the rule was applied to the grand total of the journal (which is always very large) every tiny amount would be reported which is undesirable. Therefore the rule is applied to each line of the GPC journal regardless of the grand total.

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I hope that this is helpful, please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Local Public Data Unit - Transparency Division  
Local Government & Economic Growth  
Department for Communities & Local Government  
3 Hill Lane House  
Bressenden Place  
London SW1E 3JH  
Tel: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED]@bucksec.gov.uk  
Date: Wed, Nov 3, 2010 at 11:14 AM  
Subject: RE: [Questions] Publishing details of £500 payments  
To: "Data.gov.uk Team" <team@data.gov.uk>

Hi

It's been a week since I sent my email, but I've still had no reply from the Dept for Communities & Local Govt.

I would appreciate a response asap so that I can start work on preparing the data, as this looks as if it will be a fairly time consuming task.

Regards

[REDACTED]  
Senior Finance Accountant (Systems & Processes)  
Finance Planning & Reporting  
8th Floor, New County Offices  
Buckinghamshire County Council  
Tel: [REDACTED]

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From: Data.gov.uk Team [mailto:team@data.gov.uk]  
Sent: 28 October 2010 09:36  
To: [REDACTED]@pdu@communities.gsi.gov.uk  
Subject: Re: [Questions] Publishing details of £500 payments

Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your email. I'm forwarding this onto colleagues at the Department for Communities and Local Government, who has a central team leading on this work ([lpdu@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:lpdu@communities.gsi.gov.uk)) and will be able to respond to your queries.

Many thanks,

The data.gov.uk team

On Tue, Oct 26, 2010 at 11:37 AM, [REDACTED]@buckscc.gov.uk> wrote:

[REDACTED] sent a message using the contact form at <http://data.gov.uk/contact>.

At Buckinghamshire County Council, we have started to collect information about £500 payments in readiness for publication on our web-site. In the course of this work a number of questions have arisen. I would be grateful if you could provide me with a prompt response to the following:

1. Column 1 asks for a URL to identify the authority. How do we find our id for this?
2. Column 5 asks for Invoice Number. Is this the posting number held in our system for the invoice, or the supplier's own invoice number?
3. We have a mixture of schools where some have local bank accounts (LBA) and some do not. For LBA schools we do not hold details of supplier payments on our corporate system, so we would need to implement a process for these schools to provide the details from their SIMS system. Should we exclude schools from the data we publish?
4. We make payments to HMRC for tax deductions for sub-contractors as part of the construction tax deduction scheme. Should these be included in the data we publish?
5. As well as payments recorded against supplier accounts we also make payments from Imprest accounts. These are unlikely to exceed £500, but if they do should they be included?
6. If, as the guidelines indicate, we show payments and then break these down by individual invoices because they are coded to a range of services, and then break these down by line items because of multiple-coding, this will produce an enormous amount of data. Is this really required? Would it not make more sense to publish details of all invoices over £500 rather than payments?
7. How do we apply for a re-use licence?

Thanks and regards

Report as inappropriate: <http://data.gov.uk/involvement/report/session/10102659df66076c44>

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 21 December 2010 11:34  
To: [REDACTED]@lichfielddc.gov.uk  
Subject: FW: Council Spending Data above £500  
Thank you for your email to the contact us account

The information has been loaded on to the system and will be included in the next update

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Local Government & Economic Growth  
Department for Communities and Local Government

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
I work part-time and my working days are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. My job-share partner is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] (mailto:[REDACTED]@lichfielddc.gov.uk)  
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2010 6:58 PM  
To: contactus@communities.gov.uk  
Subject: Council Spending Data above £500

Hello,

I advise you that the spending data for Lichfield District Council was published this week and can be viewed at <http://spending.lichfielddc.gov.uk/> Could you please confirm receipt of this email and that the Council will be added to the timeline on your website.

Thanks.

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**From:** localdir  
**Sent:** 22 December 2010 10:34  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Supplier Spend over £500  
Hi [REDACTED] Thanks for the link - I've added it to our system and will let DCLG Transparency team know so they can update their records

cheers

[REDACTED]  
Local Directgov

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**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@gravesham.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 22, 2010 10:06 AM  
**To:** localdir  
**Subject:** Supplier Spend over £500

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Please could you advise on link this authority's data on Transparency on the direct gov website?


The link to our data is:  
<http://www.gravesham.gov.uk/transparency>

Regards [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Service Performance Analyst  
Transformation and Finance  
Gravesham Borough Council

Telephone [REDACTED]  
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From: localdir  
Sent: 22 December 2010 15:38  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Local transparency publications on Local Directgov  
Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks I've set [REDACTED] as the primary contact/web portal officer on Local Directgov. Do you want me to remove your details from the system? Also we have [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] registered as well - should I remove their details?

cheers

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@newcastle.gov.uk]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2010 1:23 PM  
To: localdir; [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Local transparency publications on Local Directgov

Hi

I have recently handed over the Local DirectGov tasks to our Comms and Marketing Team.

Please contact [REDACTED]@newcastle.gov.uk [REDACTED]

Thanks

[REDACTED]  
Senior ICT Solutions Analyst  
[REDACTED]

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From: localdir [mailto:LocalDirectGov@communities.gsl.gov.uk]  
Sent: 22 December 2010 10:11  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Local transparency publications on Local Directgov

Hi [REDACTED]

The web portal officer for NCC with access to the Local Directgov admin system is: [REDACTED] who I have copied in.

[REDACTED] the service ID for this is LGSL 1465 - any problems adding the link please let me know

cheers

[REDACTED]  
Local Directgov

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@newcastle.gov.uk]  
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2010 4:09 PM  
To: localdir

**Subject:** Local transparency publications on Local Directgov

Hello,

Newcastle City Council have recently started publishing the supplier payments over £500 information.

As part of this process we wish to include the links on the Local Directgov website but I am at a loss as to who I need to contact within our authority to progress this.

Would you be able to provide me with the name(s) at NCC so that we can arrange the links accordingly.

Regards,

[Redacted]  
**Senior Accountant**

Direct Line: [Redacted]  
Email: [Redacted]@newcastle.gov.uk

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From: [REDACTED]@brent.gov.uk]  
Sent: 23 December 2010 16:27  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]@brent.gov.uk  
Subject: RE: LDG Transparency links  
Hi [REDACTED]

I will check – thank you.

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]  
Sent: 23 December 2010 14:35  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: LDG Transparency links

Hi [REDACTED]

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When you tried adding the service did you tick the "supported" box?

cheers

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@brent.gov.uk]  
Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2010 12:51 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]@brent.gov.uk  
Subject: LDG Transparency links

Hi [REDACTED]

We have pages for all three of these services. 828 is working properly as it exists in LDG admin. 1465 and 1573, exist on your xls but not in LDG admin. I have tried to add them manually (by creating a new service) but they still do not appear.

Our pages are:

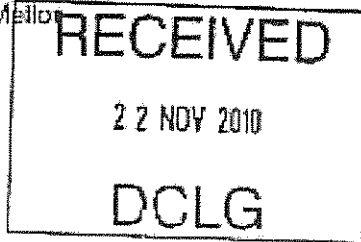
1465 <http://www.brent.gov.uk/opendata.nsf/pages/LBB-20>  
828 <http://www.brent.gov.uk/procure.nsf/Pages/LBB-1>  
1573 <http://www.brent.gov.uk/home.nsf/Pages/LBB-1094>

Please can you advise. Is there another way of doing this?

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

Commercial Director: Barry Mellor  
Commercial Services  
Town Hall, Sheffield S1 2HH



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### Public Reporting of all External Spend

Sheffield City Council is committed to being open about how much it spends with external suppliers. We already publish on our website details of all Council Contracts.

The new Government now wants us to go a step further and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has recently written to all local authorities requesting that all Councils publish all expenditure over £500, no later than January 2011, this is to increase transparency across the public sector. In response to this request the Council will now be publishing this data on its website.

Out of courtesy we are informing you that the money we pay to you will be open and accessible to the public, we only intend to publish the data specified in the current government guidance available to us which is:

- The Supplier's name
- Transaction date
- Amount paid
- Payment reference number
- Industry classification (e.g. Thomson classification) and expenditure type description
- Originating business unit (e.g. the Council service authorising payment)

We have been very careful to not expose personal information e.g. Individual payments for Adoption and Fostering and Childcare Services, payments to individuals for care packages, next of kin payments, care related payments, refunds, expenses, compensation payments, redundancy and salary related payments. This type of data is not normally public and has been removed from the data in compliance with Data Protection law.

The data will be published on a monthly basis, the first publication being the December spend data in January 2011.

Should you have any questions about the process or data please telephone the Commercial Services Process team on: (0114) 273 6144 or by email to: [commercialservices@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:commercialservices@sheffield.gov.uk)

Thank you for your co-operation

Yours faithfully

*Barry A Mellor*

Barry A Mellor  
Commercial Director



101223 Southampton enquiry.txt

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 23 December 2010 08:37  
To: [REDACTED]@southampton.gov.uk  
Subject: Contracts enquiry

[REDACTED]  
The Local Government Group have produced a practitioners guide to publishing new contracts and tenders data, and this is available here.

<http://lgtransparency.readandcomment.com/>

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Local Government & Economic Growth  
Department for Communities and Local Government

[REDACTED]  
I work part-time and my working days are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. My job-share partner is [REDACTED]

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From: Do-not-reply@communities.gov.uk [mailto:Do-not-reply@communities.gov.uk]  
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2010 10:22 AM  
To: CONTACTUS  
Subject: General enquiry via www.communities.gov.uk

Below is the query which was submitted by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]@southampton.gov.uk) on Thu Dec 16 10:22:27 GMT 2010

The enquiry type was: General Enquiry

And the query was:

Dear sirs

Code of Practice for publication of Invitations to Tender and final contracts over 500

I refer to the above and enquire as to whether any codes of practice or guidance are being made in advance of the requirement to publish ITT's and final contracts over 500 from January 2011.

Any feedback much appreciated

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: localdir  
Sent: 23 December 2010 11:56  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Council spending  
Hi [REDACTED]

You should add this link - <http://www.tandridge.gov.uk/YourCouncil/FinancialInformation/spend.htm> into the Local Directgov admin interface for LGSL 1465/LGIL 8 this ensures that a) users will find the page via the Directgov search locator and b) you'll be added to the list on The DCLG website - <http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/localgovernmentexpenditure/>

If you need any help publishing the link on Local Directgov then please let me know

cheers

[REDACTED]  
Local Directgov

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@tandridge.gov.uk]  
Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2010 11:37 AM  
To: localdir  
Subject: Council spending

Hi

We have put our council spending on our website and we are trying to publicise this as recommended below. The problem is we don't know how to tell these areas our information exists - I have contacted the openly local website and asked them to add our information - we have an open data page already listed. Please can you tell us what we need to do?

We have the following pages:

<http://www.tandridge.gov.uk/YourCouncil/FinancialInformation/spend.htm>

<http://www.tandridge.gov.uk/YourCouncil/DataProtectionFreedomofInformation/opendata.htm>

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

#### "Publicising the data

Apart from publishing the data on the local authority website, local authorities may want to make it more widely known that the data is available. This can be done by sharing or registering the data through:

- direct.gov.uk
- the national data portal on data.gov.uk
- the Local Government Google list, which updates the Department of Communities and Local Government's (DCLG) local transparency pages
- regional data stores such as the London Datastore and the West Midlands Observatory

Local council spending data scoreboard - on Google Spreadsheets

Direct.gov provides a central website, with links to public services, and has recently set up a link to the publication of open and expenditure data. Each local authority has a registered web contact that informs direct.gov about any new online services for their authority.

Find out about details of council expenditure over £500 - on the direct.gov website

Guide to publicising spending data on DCLG Website - on Local Government Transparency website.

<http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pageId=21407431>



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[REDACTED]  
Communications Manager

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 30 December 2010 12:37  
To: [REDACTED]@burnley.gov.uk  
Subject: Transparency data  
Hi [REDACTED]

We cannot load your link for expenditure over £500 into the LDGAdmin system as it takes so long to connect that the system assumes the link is broken.

The link we have is  
[http://www.burnley.gov.uk/site/scripts/download\\_info.php?downloadID=1592&PHPSESSID=be1de28b4bcb2c9ed7b730757d6b00e0](http://www.burnley.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?downloadID=1592&PHPSESSID=be1de28b4bcb2c9ed7b730757d6b00e0)

Which is very long and not in the format you normally supply. Can you help?

Regards

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
Local Directgov Programme Manager  
Department for Communities and Local Government  
Home & Community Franchise  
Zone 7/F5, Eland House  
Bressenden Place  
London SW1E 5DU

Tel [REDACTED]

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<http://twitter.com/CommunitiesUK>

**From:** localdir  
**Sent:** 30 December 2010 09:52  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Local transparency publications on Local Directgov  
Hi [REDACTED]

You need to add LGSL service no 1465/LGIL 8 (with the link to the page on your website) to Local Directgov using the admin interface - you need to go to Link data/Serve data - scroll to the bottom of the page - click on the add new service button and then fill in LGSL/LGIL and URL fields and tick the supported box and the add.

The Local Directgov admin interface URL is <https://admin.localdirect.gov.uk/LDGAdministration/> and your username is REDACTED and your password is REDACTED  
Although [REDACTED] doesn't provide a link in his email below I'm assuming that the link you need to upload is

<http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/core.nsf/a/opedatapayments?opendocument>

If you need any further help - please let me know.

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cheers

[REDACTED]  
Local Directgov

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**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@newcastle.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2010 11:09 AM  
**To:** localdir  
**Subject:** RE: Local transparency publications on Local Directgov

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for that. Am I right in assuming that these will links/pages will be added automatically? Or is there anything specific I need to do?

Regards

[REDACTED]  
Senior Web Content Officer

Communications and Marketing Division  
[www.newcastle.gov.uk](http://www.newcastle.gov.uk)  
Directorate  
Newcastle City Council  
Civic Centre  
Newcastle Upon Tyne  
NE99 2BN

Phone [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]@newcastle.gov.uk

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**From:** localdir [mailto:LocalDirectGov@communities.gsi.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 22 December 2010 16:49  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Local transparency publications on Local Directgov

Hi [REDACTED]

I have set you up with an account on our Local Directgov admin interface.

The URL for it is <https://admin.localdirect.gov.uk/LDGAdministration/> and your username is [REDACTED] and your password is [REDACTED]

There is a user guide available to download on your home page when you log in but let me know if you need any help with using it at any time

cheers

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[REDACTED]  
Local Directgov

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**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@newcastle.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 22, 2010 1:23 PM  
**To:** localdir, [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Local transparency publications on Local Directgov

Hi

I have recently handed over the Local DirectGov tasks to our Comms and Marketing Team.

Please contact [REDACTED]@newcastle.gov.uk [REDACTED]

Thanks

[REDACTED]  
Senior ICT Solutions Analyst  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** localdir [mailto:LocalDirectGov@communities.gsi.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 22 December 2010 10:11  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Local transparency publications on Local Directgov

Hi [REDACTED]

The web portal officer for NCC with access to the Local Directgov admin system is [REDACTED] who I have copied in.

[REDACTED] the service ID for this is LGSL 1465 - any problems adding the link please let me know

cheers

[REDACTED]  
Local Directgov

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**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@newcastle.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 20, 2010 4:09 PM  
**To:** localdir  
**Subject:** Local transparency publications on Local Directgov

Hello,

Newcastle City Council have recently started publishing the supplier payments over £500 information.

As part of this process we wish to include th links on the Local Directgov website but I am at a loss as to who I need to contact within our authority to progress this.

Would you be able to provide me with the name(s) at NCC so that we can arrange the links accordingly.

Regards

[REDACTED]  
**Senior Accountant**

Direct Line: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]@newcastle.gov.uk

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From: [redacted]  
Sent: 04 January 2011 16:30  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: RE: General enquiry via www.communities.gov.uk

Hi [redacted] The web team only update once a week , generally on Friday, so your data should appear then.

Regards

-----Original Message-----  
From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@blackpool.gov.uk]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 4:19 PM  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: RE: General enquiry via www.communities.gov.uk

Do you know when this will be published, I've just checked to see if it was on and it isn't yet.

Regards

[redacted]  
Transactional Services Manager  
Tel: [redacted]  
Fax: 01253 478791  
email: [redacted]@blackpool.gov.uk

-----Original Message-----  
From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]  
Sent: 04 January 2011 10:43  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: RE: General enquiry via www.communities.gov.uk

Hi [redacted]  
I can't think why I didn't see the November data when I last looked last week - it is now so obviously there.

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly.

Regards and best wishes for 2011

-----Original Message-----  
From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@blackpool.gov.uk]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 8:30 AM  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: RE: General enquiry via www.communities.gov.uk

The data is on the page,  
<http://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Services/M-R/PaymentstoSuppliers/Home.htm>

The link to the file to open for November is  
<http://www.blackpool.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/EADB26B6-66C2-473E-B5CB-1A0FBB19DE71/0/Spendover500NDV.csv>

but I thought it was just the page you needed, can you let me know if this is now okay.

Regards

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[REDACTED]  
Transactional Services Manager  
Tel: [REDACTED]  
Fax: 01253 478791  
email: [REDACTED]@blackpool.gov.uk

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]  
Sent: 30 December 2010 10:16  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: General enquiry via www.communities.gov.uk

Hi [REDACTED], I have updated your link but I note that this remains a holding page and we can not include Blackpool on the DCLG list until you have posted November's data.

Let me know when this happens and I will pass your link to the web team.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]  
-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@blackpool.gov.uk]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2010 3:11 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: General enquiry via www.communities.gov.uk

[REDACTED]  
Can you add the following link to the website to say we have published our information.

<http://www.blackpool.gov.uk/services/M-R/PaymentstoSuppliers/Home.htm>

Thanks

[REDACTED]  
Transactional Services Manager  
Tel: [REDACTED]  
Fax: 01253 478791  
email: [REDACTED]@blackpool.gov.uk

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]  
Sent: 22 December 2010 17:13  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED] CONTACTUS  
Subject: FW: General enquiry via www.communities.gov.uk

Dear [REDACTED]

Please send your information to:

Local Directgov Programme Manager  
Email: [REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk

You should also ensure your data is on data.gov.uk and therefore should send your url link to:

[REDACTED]@nationalarchives.gsi.gov.uk

Regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] | Data Transparency- Local Government & Economic Growth | 3/H4  
Eland House [REDACTED]  
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From: Do-not-reply@communities.gov.uk  
[mailto:Do-not-reply@communities.gov.uk]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 4:54 PM  
To: CONTACTUS  
Subject: General enquiry via www.communities.gov.uk

Below is the query which was submitted by [REDACTED]  
([REDACTED]@blackpool.gov.uk) on Tue Dec 21 16:54:23 GMT 2010

The enquiry type was: General Enquiry

And the query was:

We are planning on publishing our spend over 500 next week, how do i  
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**From:** [redacted] (mailto:[redacted]@lichfielddc.gov.uk)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 04, 2011 3:08 PM  
**To:** [contactus@communities.gov.uk](mailto:contactus@communities.gov.uk)  
**Subject:** Spending timeline

Hi,

Could someone please give me a call urgently. I could do with a statement with regard to the timeline on the CLG website in order that I can update my CX.

In particular when I go into the link for Lichfield District Council it opens a window that associates the name of the Council with a range of adverts for loans, insurance and the like. I am concerned that the information published on your site implies some form of endorsement by the Council of these products. I have copied a similar shot below, but our web policy prevents display of the advert.

Could you also confirm who presently benefits from the revenue streams that I assume these adverts attract?

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[redacted]  
Performance, Policy and Procurement Manager  
Lichfield District Council

[redacted]  
[www.lichfielddc.gov.uk](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk)

[redacted] [@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:[redacted]@lichfielddc.gov.uk)

Have Your Say <http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/voicedit>

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**From:** [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]:SouthNorthants.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 04, 2011 3:18 PM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Spend over £500

Thank you that is great news

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]:communities.gsi.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 04 January 2011 12:34  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** CONTACTUS; Padma Juggapah  
**Subject:** RE: Spend over £500

[redacted]

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Thanks for your emails and for letting us know - we'll amend.

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**From:** [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]:SouthNorthants.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 04, 2011 11:53 AM  
**To:** CONTACTUS  
**Subject:** Spend over £500

Hello,

Please can you update your dipity timeline to reflect the date that South Northamptonshire Council had its data put on the web. You have us showing as 12<sup>th</sup> of November but we were publishing over a month before that date and I notified you on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October that SNC was doing so. Please see forwarded email below.

This is really important as the timeline is being used to show the Council's performance in relation to its openness and is reaching national Newspapers so the website should have a more accurate date.

Best wishes

[redacted]

[redacted]  
Accountancy Manager  
South Northamptonshire Council

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 13 October 2010 15:12  
**To:** 'Contactus@communities.gsi.gov.uk'  
**Subject:** Spend over £500

Hello,

South Northamptonshire Council have published their spend over £500 on the website at:

<http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/documents/442.htm>

Please can you add us to the open books timeline.

Thank you

[REDACTED]  
Accountancy Manager  
South Northamptonshire Council  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [redacted]@eastriding.gov.uk [mailto:[redacted]@eastriding.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 04, 2011 8:13 AM  
**To:** team@data.gov.uk; CONTACTUS; transparency@local.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Local government expenditure over £500

Please note that the data for the East Riding of Yorkshire Council went live on our website on 24/12/10 @ <http://www.eastriding.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/spend-over-500/>

Thanks

[redacted]  
Principal Accountant  
Financial Reporting [BF67]  
Finance Services  
Corporate Resources  
East Riding of Yorkshire Council  
Ext: [redacted]  
Tel: [redacted]  
Fax: 01482 394205  
E-mail: [redacted]@eastriding.gov.uk

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From: [REDACTED]@hyndburnbc.gcsx.gov.uk]  
 Sent: 04 January 2011 16:14  
 To: [REDACTED]@transparency@local.gov.uk  
 Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]@hyndburnbc.gov.uk;  
 [REDACTED]@hyndburnbc.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@hyndburnbc.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@hyndburnbc.gov.uk  
 Subject: Fwd: Spending over £500 -RE: burdens & related grants?

**Attachments:** copy of Appdx A of revamped central Guidance 7Dec'10 -online publishing spend over £500.pdf  
 [REDACTED] at DCLG - happy new year.

In my 23/12/2010 email (copy here fwd'd) there was a minor typo - date that the Decentralisation & Localism bill was published was 13th Dec (not 20th).

Do you have a copy please which you could send of any relevant part(s) of the Bill relating to publishing of spending - and/or any related draft Regns (if to be any on this) - and any indication from when expected to be enacted / effective??

I'm sending this email also to [transparency@local.gov.uk](mailto:transparency@local.gov.uk) because in the meantime I've re-looked at the Appendix A of the revamped/revised Guidance Doc of 7/12/2010 - copy of Appdx A attached - and a comparison of the 'Minimum' parts of that with the **Hyndburn BC proposed content** (as given in my 23/12 email) is as follows:

Name of body / organisation making the payment - we do not have a column for this in the HBC template as it should be obvious that the payments are all by Hyndburn BC, however a 'desirable' unique & nationally recognised identifying code could be used to allow for use in users' manipulation / downloading of the data.

Service Label ('Minimum unless organisational unit or Service Code is used') - it's noted that the guidance now refers to CIPFA's very recently published 'SeRCOP' (Service Reporting Code of Practice for LAs 2011/12) which is replacing the Best Value Accounting COP. We will look at the SeRCOP (a hard copy is on order with CIPFA since before the Christmas & New Year local holiday); and our **Service Cost Centre** comes from cost centres in our accounting system and should suffice as used primarily for internal management reporting - eg "Parks & Open Spaces".

Service Code - at HBC we have deliberately avoided showing in our draft any codes etc superfluous to readability (ie we have lifted automatically the *name* of the Service Cost Centre from the accounting system, without then also giving the cost centre *code* of 6 characters).

Organisational unit or department, responsible for spending the money ('Desirable when SeRCOP is used, otherwise mandatory') - not a separate column in HBC draft - please see comments above re Service Label and HBC Service Cost Centre name.

Expenditure Category eg travel costs. The Appdx A allows for 'Internally used expenditure type'. At HBC our **Account Detail** is a 'subjective' description of accounting code suffix, lifted from our system - eg "Agency Staff". In effect, this may encompass the 'desirable' SeRCOP detailed expenditure type.

Expenditure Code ('The account code which represents the expenditure type') - at HBC we have deliberately *excluded this* detail account code of 4 characters, which relates to above-mentioned Account Detail name - for same reason as given above for excluding Service Code.

Narrative description for the details of the transaction - in Appdx A this is 'Desirable' rather than 'Minimum' - however, at HBC we have the equivalent **Description** column in our draft, giving a succinct description of spend from such existing data field in Accounts Payable system - eg "Seasonal Staff W/E 26/9/10". This complements (and will follow immediately after) our 'Service Cost Centre' and 'Account Detail' names for publishing.

Payment Date (dd/mm/yyyy) - we are already including **Payment date** as HBC payment transaction date. In our draft for October 2010 spend payments / credit notes, we had such dates as "05-Oct-10" etc - so we may need to change to "05/10/2010" etc.

Transaction number to act as a reference no, when dealing with enquiries or FOI requests - at HBC we're currently intending that the **HBC ref no** comprises creditor/supplier number & invoice payment batch ref no.

Amount ('The actual value of the transaction') - noted from Appdx A that amounts should be in sterling

and inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

As it's intended that separately identified VAT (for recovery by the LA from HMRC) should be excluded from the spend publishing (as it is so excluded from the LA's expenditure accounts), then our **Net Amount** column for the online monthly publishing is excluding such VAT transactions.

Noted that Appdx A says that:

- Pound signs should not be included \*
- income or other negative spend should be shown with a leading zero
- commas should not be used to separate thousands of pounds, eg £25,123.00 should be shown as

25123.00 \*

\* our Net Amount column may therefore need to be changed to Net Amount £

Supplier name - full name of the supplier ('Minimum' requirement unless redacted) - included by HBC as Name from HBC creditor (customer) no.

[Redacted]

[Redacted] - Head of Accountancy Services, Hyndburn Borough Council

tel [Redacted]

fax 01254 392597

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 05 January 2011 10:55

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Transparency data

For whatever reason (either your end or mine), the links are loading faster and I managed to upload the URL into the system.

thanks

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@burnley.gov.uk]

Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 2:14 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Transparency data

Hi [REDACTED], apologies for not getting back to you sooner. I've had a nice long Christmas break.

Please can you try the link below - this will take you direct to the page. Both links are working from our end so I'm a little confused how else to assist you. Please let me know how you get on.

[http://www.burnley.gov.uk/site/scripts/documents\\_info.php?documentID=1172&categoryID=100004](http://www.burnley.gov.uk/site/scripts/documents_info.php?documentID=1172&categoryID=100004)

Thanks

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: 30 December 2010 12:37

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Transparency data

Hi: [REDACTED]

We cannot load your link for expenditure over £500 into the LDGAdmin system as it takes so long to connect that the system assumes the link is broken.

The link we have is [http://www.burnley.gov.uk/site/scripts/download\\_info.php?downloadID=1592&PHPSESSID=be1de28b4bcb2c9ed7b730757d6b00e0](http://www.burnley.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?downloadID=1592&PHPSESSID=be1de28b4bcb2c9ed7b730757d6b00e0)

Which is very long and not in the format you normally supply. Can you help?

Regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Local Directgov Programme Manager  
Department for Communities and Local Government  
Home & Community Franchise  
Zone 7/F5, Eland House  
Bressenden Place  
London SW1E 5DU

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 January 2011 12:40  
**To:** [REDACTED]@herefordshire.gov.uk  
**Cc:** localdir  
**Subject:** FW: Publishing £500 expenditure items

Hi [REDACTED]  
Are you ticking the supported box on the update screen?(sometimes I forget which is very annoying, this "feature" will soon disappear)

If you continue to have problems send me the links and I will load them for you. I am just preparing the latest file to go to the web team- so let me know when you are successful.

regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** localdir  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 05, 2011 12:10 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Publishing £500 expenditure items

Hi [REDACTED]

Can you help with this?

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@herefordshire.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 05, 2011 9:13 AM  
**To:** localdir  
**Subject:** RE: Publishing £500 expenditure items

Hi,

We started publishing our expenditure and contract information on 31 December 2010 and I would like to update Local Directgov with the URLs for the services as detailed below. I log into the system and go to Service Data and select Add new service, complete the LGSL, LGIL and URL fields and click Add, but the details entered do not appear in the Service Data list. I tried yesterday afternoon and again this morning.

Please can you let me know whether I am doing something wrong. The details I would like added are as follows:

LGSL 1465

LGIL 8

URL [http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/council\\_gov\\_democracy/51317.asp](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/council_gov_democracy/51317.asp)

LGSL 828

LGIL 8

URL [http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/council\\_gov\\_democracy/51318.asp](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/council_gov_democracy/51318.asp)

Many thanks

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**From:** Local Directgov [mailto:localdirectgov@communities.gov.uk]

**Sent:** 30 July 2010 10:28

**To:** localdirectgov@communities.gov.uk; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Publishing £500 expenditure items

Dear Colleague,

As you may know the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government recently called for all local authorities to put details of all spending over £500 online as part of wider action to bring about a revolution in town hall openness and accountability. Several authorities have already done this and many more have plans to do so well underway.

The Department for Communities and Local Government is keen to showcase this work and provide a page on their website (communities.gov.uk) which links to local authority pages where information on the £500 expenditure and also contracts and tenders over £500 are published. We will be using the Local Directgov application to collect the links in the usual way.

We have set up two new services in the Local Directgov application. One for "Find out about details of council expenditure" (LGSL=1465, LGIL=8) and a second for "Find out about council contracts and tenders" (LGSL=828, LGIL=8). If you already have dedicated pages providing details of your authority's £500 expenditure and contract and tender details, we would be very pleased if you could load the links for the new services using the Local Directgov Administration system. Alternatively you can email your link to [localdirectgov@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:localdirectgov@communities.gsi.gov.uk) putting 'Expenditure' in the subject line.

You can find some more information on the publishing of £500 expenditure items here - <http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/newsroom/1606947>.

Many thanks for your support.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Local Directgov Programme team

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From: localdir  
Sent: 05 January 2011 12:19  
To: [REDACTED]@torbay.gov.uk  
Subject: RE: Council Expenditure  
Hello [REDACTED]

Thanks for your email. The LGSL reference is:

1465/8: Find out about details of council expenditure over £500

828/8: Find out about council contracts and tenders over £500

You can also ask for your council to be listed on the Department for Communities and Local Government website as one of the compliant councils

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/localgovernmentexpenditure>

For more information on expenditure transparency, check out the September issue of our newsletter  
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/localdirectgov/localconnects/1721628/#named3>

Hope that helps.

Cheers  
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]@torbay.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@torbay.gov.uk]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 05, 2011 11:07 AM  
To: localdir  
Subject: Council Expenditure

Hello,

I've been asked to update the directgov database with a link to our page which details the Council's expenditure over £500. Can you tell me what the LGSL reference is in the LDG admin system please?

Many thanks

[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
Web Manager (Tues-Fri)  
Web Team

Torbay Council, Electric House, Castle Circus, Torquay, TQ1 3GS  
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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 05 January 2011 10:34  
To: [REDACTED]@durham.gov.uk  
Cc: CONTACTUS; [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Publishing Spend Over £500  
Andrew

Thanks for your email and for letting us know your URL. We'll update the timeline with details.

[REDACTED]  
Transparency Team

Local Government Policy & Productivity

Department for Communities & Local Government

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@durham.gov.uk]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 05, 2011 10:24 AM  
To: contactus@communities.gov.uk  
Subject: Publishing Spend Over £500

Durham County Council commenced publishing payments over £500 on 18th December. I'm not sure how we get to appear on your timeline / get a link on the Communities website? Please would you advise me how to achieve this.

Our URL is:

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/Pages/Service.aspx?ServiceId=8040>

Thanks

[REDACTED]  
Principal Accountant  
Financial Systems Development  
Telephone:  
External: [REDACTED]  
Internal: [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@stevenage.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 05, 2011 4:36 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Data Transparency

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your prompt response

I will check the website later this week.

I think that there may be an issue with the email that you initially sent to me as it says that Laura has been copied in on the response and it appears to be [REDACTED]

If you need any further information from me please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gsl.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 05 January 2011 14:55  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** CONTACTUS; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Data Transparency

[REDACTED]

Thanks for the email and for letting us know. We will check what happened but will ensure the time line is updated so your info is clear. My colleague [REDACTED] copied here, will handle this.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Transparency Team

Local Government Policy & Productivity

Department for Communities & Local Government

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**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]:stevenage.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 05, 2011 12:40 PM  
**To:** contactus@communities.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Data Transparency

Dear Sir/Madam,

Stevenage Borough Council published their expenditure data over £500 on 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

An email was sent to [lpdu@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:lpdu@communities.gsi.gov.uk) with an attached Data Gov entry, the link was also made live for Stevenage BC through Direct Gov.

I have checked the Communities and Local Government website at the following location today

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/localgovernmentexpenditure/> and the data link or search for Stevenage BC does not yet appear.

I would be grateful if you could advise me if I need to activate the data link in another location for it to appear on the Communities and Local Government website or whether you are experiencing a backlog of information to go onto the site due to the January deadline.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Kind Regards,

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From: localdir  
Sent: 06 January 2011 10:40  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Enquiry about Transparency web page  
Hi [REDACTED]

Your WPO needs to login to the Local Directgov admin interface and add LGSL 1465/LGIL 8 with the URL of the link to your council's over £500 web page - alternatively you can send the URL to me and I'll set it up on your behalf.

We pass on details to the DCLG web team on a weekly basis so that they can update their transparency data page.

cheers

[REDACTED]  
Local Directgov

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@BATHNES.GOV.UK]  
Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2011 9:07 AM  
To: localdir  
Subject: Enquiry about Transparency web page

Hi

I hope you can help me.

I am trying to find out how to post a link on the Local DirectGov website to our Council's spend over £500 web page. I believe it needs to appear here:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/transparency/localgovernmentexpenditure/>

I know who our authority's WPO is, but he doesn't have any idea how to set this up.

Can you assist?

Many thanks in advance.

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From: [REDACTED]@bromsgrove.gov.uk]

Sent: 06 January 2011 13:29

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Transparency

Hi Louise, at the moment I think that is the only link to that document but I think they are in the process of giving it a home which should be somewhere under:

<http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/cms/council-and-democracy/council-budgets-and-spending.aspx>

I can ask when this will be live for you if you like.

Thanks

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From: [REDACTED]mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: 06 January 2011 12:57

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Transparency

Hi [REDACTED]

I have been given this link for Bromsgrove's expenditure over £500 which opens a pdf file:

<https://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/cms/council-and-democracy/chief-executive-unit/directorates/financial-services/doc.ashx?docid=87421e06-7ed9-405a-8161-49c5a0ce590d&version=-1>

I have been into the site to find a more appropriate page but to no avail ( must say I didn't look that hard)

Can you help. The DCLG pages get updated tomorrow so if you can get back to me today I will make sure Bromsgrove is included

Regards

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