



South Hams
District Council

Local Land Charges: Fees and Charges 2009/10

The following estimates of costs and search volumes have been used to calculate the Land Charges fees for the financial year 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010.

Expenditure

	Original Budget 2009/10
Employees	89,800
Supplies & Services	9,700
Third Party Payments	30,000
FRS 17	17,000
Support Services	20,000
Provision for inflation	5,000
	<u>171,500</u>

Estimated income from Land Charges fees for 2009/10 financial year is **£150,000.**

Search Type	Number of Searches
Electronic Full	565
Manual Full	830
Electronic LLC1	35
Manual LLC1	70
CON29 enquiries	10
Optional enquiries	1250

The estimates were produced in November 2008. Search volumes have been forecast by taking actual search numbers for the previous 12 months and adjusting for the current economic downturn to produce a 12-month base data to forecast activity for the 2009/10 financial year.

The authority operates a time recording system for each employee engaged in the discharge of its property search functions. It can demonstrate the integrity of the costs of the service and the integrating of the charges made for services in accordance with the regulations.

Delegated power has been granted to the Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer (Corporate Services), in consultation with the Chief Accountant, to monitor the fee/cost provision and make any necessary adjustments to Land Charges fee levels to ensure that the authority achieves a break-even position as required by the regulations.

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