



**GREAT YARMOUTH**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# Full Council

**Date:** Tuesday, 24 November 2015  
**Time:** 19:00  
**Venue:** Council Chamber  
**Address:** Town Hall, Hall Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF

## AGENDA

Open to Public and Press

### **1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

You have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter to be discussed if it relates to something on your Register of Interests form. You must declare the interest and leave the room while the matter is dealt with.

You have a Personal Interest in a matter to be discussed if it affects

- your well being or financial position
- that of your family or close friends
- that of a club or society in which you have a management role
- that of another public body of which you are a member to a greater extent than others in your ward.

You must declare a personal interest but can speak and vote on the matter.

Whenever you declare an interest you must say why the interest arises, so that it can be included in the minutes.

### **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive any apologies for absence.

### **3     PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

(a) Question from Mr R Hudson.

"Given that Cllr B Coleman has invested approximately £170,000 of tax payers money in to a temporary ice rink, can he please explain the financial benefit this will bring to local businesses, the estimated subsidy per skater and whether this ice spectacular represents good value for money in a time of frozen budgets and melting services."

### **4     REPORTS TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION**

#### **a     Committee / Cabinet Form of Governance**

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Report Attached

#### **b     Returning Officer / Electoral Registration Officer**

Council will be asked to agree to the appointment of Sheila Oxtoby, the interim Chief Executive Officer, as the Council's Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer.

#### **c     Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2016**

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Report Attached.

#### **d     Health and Safety Plan 2015-16**

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Report Attached.

#### **e     Licensing Policy 2016**

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Report Attached.

#### **f     Gambling Policy**

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Report Attached.

#### **g     Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2014-2015**

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Report Attached.

#### **h     Great Yarmouth Development Company**

Council will be asked to agree to appoint a Director to serve on the Great Yarmouth Development Company.

## **5**     **MINUTES**

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| <b>a</b> | <b><u>Council Minutes - 22 September 2015</u></b> | <b>209 -</b> |
|          | Minutes Attached.                                 | <b>216</b>   |
| <b>b</b> | <b><u>Council Minutes - 15 October 2015</u></b>   | <b>217 -</b> |
|          | Minutes Attached                                  | <b>222</b>   |
| <b>c</b> | <b><u>Cabinet Minutes - 7 October 2015</u></b>    | <b>223 -</b> |
|          | Minutes Attached.                                 | <b>224</b>   |
| <b>d</b> | <b><u>Cabinet Minutes - 11 November 2015</u></b>  |              |
|          | To Follow   |              |
| <b>e</b> | <b><u>Scrutiny Minutes - 22 October 2015</u></b>  | <b>225 -</b> |
|          | Minutes Attached.                                 | <b>230</b>   |

## **6**     **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

(a) This Council resolves that Great Yarmouth Borough Council sends a message of support via Redcar's Mayor, Brenda Forster a former employee of British Steel and North Lincolnshire's Mayor, Helen Rowson to the steel workers and their families impacted by the closure of the SSI steel works at Redcar and those at TATAs steel works in Scunthorpe on behalf of the people of Great Yarmouth stating our support for British steel.

To underpin our support Great Yarmouth Borough council resolves to write to the Prime Minister David Cameron to ask his Government to do more to support the British steel industry through banning the import of steel 'dumped' on the world market and through reviewing UK energy prices and business rates to provide a mechanism where needed to enable the UK steel industry to compete fairly with other European Union Member States.

In taking this action Great Yarmouth Borough Council recognises the strategic importance of supporting British industry and British jobs and hopes that the Government will intervene to ensure the UK is not disadvantaged.

Signed By: Councillor Sutton, Councillor Williamson, Councillor T Wainwright, Councillor Walker, Councillor Jeal, Councillor Linden

(b) This Council Notes

The Second Reading of the Trade Union Bill was passed by the House of

Commons on the 14/09/2015 and now enters the committee stages.

The lack of evidence to justify such wide-ranging restrictions. For instance, the number of days lost to industrial action per year has fallen dramatically over the last 30 years. Since 2010, on average 647.0000 days have been lost to industrial action each year, compared to over 7 million in the 1980s.

The 50% turnout requirement in the Bill for all industrial action, but a requirement that 40% of those entitled to vote support action in certain unreasonably broad but ill-defined "Important public services"

Abstentions in ballots for industrial action will be treated as "No votes"

The Government is to encourage the use of agency workers to break strikes without due consideration for service provision, health and safety and long term relationships in the workplace.

The continuing denial of Union Members the right to vote by "eballoting" ensuring high turnout and democratic participation.

The legislation would force Union Members to opt in, rather than opt out, to payment of union political funds.

The Bill seeks to interfere in the rights of Local Authorities in discussion of facility time for trade Union representatives.

The decision of government to prevent automatic payment of Union Subscription fees by Public Sector employees so obliging Union Members to organise their own subscription fees.

This Council believes that these provisions of the Trade Union Bill are unfair, unnecessary and undemocratic, putting Britain beyond the normal expectations or international law and standards, and will involve considerable bureaucracy and red tape, largely to be funded by ordinary workers from their subscriptions.

It further believes all these measures will undermine constructive employment relations and civil liberties of working people in Britain, within Local authorities and throughout the Public and Private Sector, and is concerned the Bill may criminalise pickets, already tightly regulated, or possibly embroil Local Authorities in the deployment of Antisocial Behaviour Orders for otherwise model citizens.

In summary, the Council believes the proposals in the Bill restrict the right to freedom of association and in some cases may also restrict the right to freedom and assembly.

Therefore, as the legislation is likely to have a serious effect on the authorities relationship with its workforce, this Council requests the Chief Executive officer to write to;

The Government expressing the Council's dismay at these proposals.

The LGA requesting the association protest against the Bill and support any legal action seeking to challenge the TU Bill in the European Court of Human Rights.

Signed By : Councillor T Wainwright, Councillor Jeal, Councillor Walker, Councillor Williamson, Councillor H Wainwright, Councillor Sutton

## **7     ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

To consider any other business as may be determined by the Chairman of the meeting as being of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.