



**GREAT YARMOUTH**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# Council

**Date:** Thursday, 27 July 2023

**Time:** 19:00

**Venue:** Council Chamber

**Address:** Town Hall, Hall Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF

## AGENDA

Open to Public and Press

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive any apologies for absence.

### **2 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.

**3     MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To consider any announcements from Her Worship the Mayor.

**4     URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Her Worship the Mayor to advise of any items of urgent business.

**5     MINUTES**

**5 - 8**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 15 June 2023.

**6     PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Council are asked to consider the following question received from Ms Fiona Livingstone :-

Why are GYBC paying for a company called Arcus Consulting to do stock condition surveys on properties to check the Government's 'Decent Home Standards' when infact visual surveys do not show the structural issues relating to damp, mould and humidity within properties?

**7     ADOPTION OF HEMSBY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (URN-23-088)**

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Report attached.

**8     REVIEW OF MEMBER SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL'S CHANGE TO AN EXECUTIVE MODEL OF GOVERNANCE**

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Report attached.

**9     APPOINTMENT OF REPLACEMENT COMPANY DIRECTOR**

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Report attached.

**10     TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION - Purchase of additional properties (URN 23-101)**

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Report attached.

**11     MOTION ON NOTICE**

Council are asked to consider the following Motion on Notice from Councillors Wainwright, Williamson, T Wright, B Wright, Jeal and Martin :-

Council notes with concern the recent announcement that all 980 staffed ticket offices in England could be closed following discussions between the Department for Transport and the Rail Delivery Group, and changes to the Governments guidance relating to ticket office opening hours.

Council believes that ticket offices provide a vital service to residents in Great Yarmouth. Having a clearly sign-posted place in the station for people with ticket enquiries provides certainty and confidence for customers who may struggle to otherwise contact station staff.

Not all residents are able to use station ticket machines or have the means to book a ticket in advance. Complicated journeys involving connections are likely to require human assistance to ensure customers purchase the most appropriate and cheapest tickets, and do not incur penalties from mis-booked tickets.

Council is concerned the closure of tickets offices will disproportionately affect elderly and disabled residents in Great Yarmouth as well as those with poor literacy and IT skills. Council also notes that possible implications for current station staff and the concerns that have been raised over possible staff redundancies.

Council therefore resolves :

Instruct the Chief Executive to write to the secretary of State for Transport, and the Government Railways Minister, expressing Council's opposition to the closure of staffed rail ticket offices and in particular the office at Great Yarmouth.

Instruct the Chief Executive to write to Greater Anglia expressing the Council's opposition to any plans to close the staffed ticket office at Great Yarmouth.

Refer the matter to the Scrutiny Committee with the recommendation that representatives from Greater Anglia are invited to attend a Scrutiny Committee Meeting at the earliest possible point to discuss future plans at Great Yarmouth.

**12     EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

In the event of the Committee wishing to exclude the public from the meeting, the following resolution will be moved:-

"That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12(A) of the said Act."

**13    CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

Details