



**GREAT YARMOUTH**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# Council

**Date:** Thursday, 03 November 2016  
**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 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

a) Question from Mr P Davis :-

'Is the Leader of the Council aware of the adverse impact that the introduction of the full service of Universal Credit is having on tenants and landlords, social and private, in the Borough?'

b) Question from Mr L Sutton :-

'Norfolk and Waveney's Sustainable Transformation Plan (N&W STP) is discussed at Norfolk' Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB). Great Yarmouth Borough Council has a representative on this board. The HWB has a general duty to promote the integration of health and social care, a key element of underpinning the STP. Given the importance of the NHS' STP for health and social care provision in the borough of Great Yarmouth what engagement has GYBC had with residents, elected representatives and others in forming its position on the STP, what representations have been made by GYBC in to the plan and does the STP provide better or worse healthcare for the people of Great Yarmouth?'

### **4 COUNCIL MINUTES**

**5 - 10**

To confirm the Council minutes of the 6 September 2016.

### **5 SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 2016**

**11 - 34**

To receive the following minutes :-

- a) Policy and Resources Committee - 6 September 2016
- b) Economic Development Committee - 7 September 2016
- c) Environment Committee - 12 September 2016
- d) Housing and Neighbourhoods Committee - 15 September 2016

### **6 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2017**

**35 - 47**

Council is recommended to agree that the 2017 scheme should be based on Option 1 - current scheme which has been running for 4 years and limits the maximum amount of award for working age customers to 91.5% of the Council Tax liability and that this should include any necessary alignment to the requirements under the Governments recent Welfare Reform proposals.

The Group Manager, Customer Service's report is attached.

### **7 COUNCIL TAX DISCRETIONARY DISCOUNT CHANGES**

**48 - 57**

Report attached.

**8      SAFE AT HOME AND BETTER CARE FUND - SCHEDULE OF FEES** **58 - 71**

Report attached.

**9      PSAA NATIONAL COLLECTIVE SCHEME**

On reference from the Audit and Risk Committee of the 26 September 2016, Council is asked to agree to join the National Collective Scheme, led by the Public Sector Audit Appointment (PSAA), and that delegated authority be given to the Section 151 Officer (or Deputy) to communicate the willingness of the Council to join the scheme to PSAA and to enter into the scheme after a satisfactory examination/negotiation of the proposed terms and conditions is concluded.

**10     APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR FOR 2017-18**

Council will be asked to agree that Councillor Kerry Robinson-Payne be appointed as Mayor of the Borough of Great Yarmouth for the municipal year 2017-18.

**11     APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2016-17**

a) Great Yarmouth Cultural Heritage Partnership  
To confirm the appointment of Councillors B Coleman, A Grey and Williamson as the Council's nominated representatives on the above Partnership.

**12     YARMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE - CYCLE OF MEETINGS**

On reference from the Policy and Resources Committee of the 18 October 2016, Council is asked to agree that the Yarmouth Area Committee meetings should now take place on a bi-monthly cycle.

**13     MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

In accordance with Paragraph 26.11 (Motions on Notice), Council is asked to consider the following motions :-

a) Notice on Motion from Councillors Connell, Myers, Stenhouse, Annison, Wainwright and Weymouth :-  
' We the Council of Great Yarmouth call upon the Secretary of State for the DWP, Damion Green MP, to launch an urgent and immediate

enquiry into all the negative and detrimental consequences that the roll out of Universal Credit is having in Great Yarmouth. We further call upon Neil Couling, Civil Service Head of Universal Credit, to immediately suspend the housing benefit element of Universal Credit to allow those who are subject to this transfer to do so without the threat of them being evicted from their homes.'

b) Notice on Motion from Councillors Wainwright, Williamson, Wright, Fairhead and Walker :-

' We call upon this Council to write to Damion Green MP Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and Brandon Lewis MP, to ask why the Borough of Great Yarmouth was chosen as a pilot area for a full digital roll out of Universal Credit when it was quite clear that there was not capacity within the system to deal with this, especially in a place like Great Yarmouth which has high levels of deprivation.

With this full digital roll out we now have over 2000 residents applying for Universal Credit, many of these residents in private rented accommodation who are in receipt of a housing benefit facing eviction, and a huge increase in the number of people visiting our food banks which are struggling to meet demand because of the delay in receiving benefits'.

#### **14     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.

#### **15     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."

#### **16     CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES - POLICY AND RESOURCES - 6** **SEPTEMBER 2016 / COUNCIL - 8 SEPTEMBER 2016**

Details