



GREAT YARMOUTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA

for the

Council

8 January 2009

at 7.00 pm

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COUNCIL

To be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Great Yarmouth
on Thursday, 8 January 2009 at 7.00 pm

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

You have a **PERSONAL INTEREST** in a matter being discussed at a meeting IF

- It relates to something on your Register of Interests form; or
- A decision on it would affect you, your family or friends more than other people in your Ward.

You have a **PREJUDICIAL INTEREST** in a matter being discussed at a meeting IF

- It affects your financial position or that of your family or friends more than other people in your Ward; or
- It concerns a planning or licensing application you or they have submitted
- **AND IN EITHER CASE** a reasonable member of the public would consider it to be so significant that you could not reach an unbiased decision.

If your interest is only **PERSONAL**, you must declare it but can still speak and vote. If your interest is **PREJUDICIAL**, you must leave the room. However, you have the same rights as a member of the public to address the meeting before leaving.

1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 30 October 2008.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

To consider any questions raised by a member of the public. No questions have been received to date.

3. REPORTS TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION

(a) Members Allowances 2008/09

... To consider the Member Services Manager and Scrutiny Officer's report that was approved by Cabinet on the 19 November 2008 (Pages 1-2), and referred to Council for approval.

(b) Appointments to Outside Bodies 2008/09

(i) Great Yarmouth Municipal Charities

To appoint a replacement for Councillor Easter on the above.

(ii) Active Norfolk Board

To agree that Councillor Collins replaces Councillor Ames on the above.

(iii) Great Yarmouth Sports Council

To agree that Councillor Collins replaces Councillor Ames on the above.

4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

(i) Council – 30 October 2008 (White Paper)

... The Mayor will present the above minutes (pages 1-5, White Paper).

(ii) Cabinet – 19 November 2008 (Cream Paper)

... The Leader will present the above minutes (pages 6-8, Cream Paper).

(iii) Scrutiny Committee – 24 November 2008 (Pink Paper)

... The Chairman will present the above minutes (pages 9-12, Pink Paper).

(iv) Audit and Risk Committee – 26 November and 15 December 2008 (Orange Paper)

... The Chairman will present the above minutes (pages 13-18, Orange Paper).

5. REPORT OF LEADER ON URGENT KEY DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING WHICH WERE NOT IN THE FORWARD PLAN

The Leader will report.

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Subject: **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2008/09**

Report to: Cabinet – 19 November 2008
Council – 8 January 2009

Report by: Member Services Manager and Scrutiny Officer

SUBJECT MATTER/RECOMMENDATIONS:

This report sets out the recommendations for Members' Allowances for the Municipal Year 2008/09, and will be effective as from 1 May 2008.

1. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

1.1 Members are reminded that Council in April 2006 agreed that, in future, Members' Allowances will be annually index-linked to the Local Government Staff Pay Award. Whilst the pay award has not been formally agreed by the Management and UNISON the offer on the table of a 2.45% increase has now been paid to staff in anticipation of agreement being reached in the near future. In the event of the employers offer being increased then obviously the necessary adjustments will be made.

Pending the final agreement being reached it is proposed that the Members' Allowances be increased by 2.45%, and then adjusted if necessary.

1.2 Members are also reminded that as well as determining the increase to the basic allowance, the Schedule of Special Responsibility Allowances (SRA's) also need to be agreed.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Cabinet is asked to recommend to Council the following scheme of Members' Allowances with effect from 1 May 2008:-

(a) To increase the basic allowance from £3,483 to £3,568.

(b) SRA's as follows:-

		£
Leader	1	9,828
Cabinet Members	5	5,459
Shadow Cabinet Members	5	891
Cabinet Support Members	5	891
Shadow Leader	1	4,139
Mayor (Chairman of Council)	1	1,783
Deputy Mayor	1	715
Scrutiny Committee		
Chairman	1	3,568
Vice-Chairman	1	715
Audit and Risk Committee		
Chairman	1	3,568
Vice-Chairman	1	715
Regulatory Committees		
- Housing Appeals	Chairman	1 891
- Licensing	Chairman	1 1,871
- Appeals	Chairman	1 270
Development Control Committee		
Chairman	1	3,568
Vice-Chairman	1	715
BASIC ALLOWANCES		
All Members	39	3,568

Does this report raise any legal, financial, sustainability, equality, Crime and Disorder or Human Rights issues and, if so, have they been considered?	Issues	
	Legal	No
	Financial	Yes
	Sustainability	No
	Equality	No
	Crime and Disorder	No
	Human Rights	No
	Every Child Matters	No

Dept Reference: REGH/SYB/Y:\HMLS\MemberServices\Robin Hodds\Reports\Members' Allowances - Cabinet 19.11 and Council 08.01.09.doc
Date: 6 November 2008

Background Papers: