



GREAT YARMOUTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

**for the
meeting of the**

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on

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7. URGENT EMERGENCY ITEM

His Worship the Mayor has agreed that Council will consider the following urgent item:-

Proposed Closure of Tax Offices at Havenbridge House

HMRC proposed to close the tax offices at Havenbridge House (both former Customs and Excise and Inland Revenue) and relocate staff to Norwich.

The Branch Secretary (PCS Norwich Taxes) estimates that the salaries of staff equate to £2.46 million per annum, mere over three years than the £7.1 million from the new working neighbourhood fund. The Branch Secretary comments that the impact of the loss of these jobs cannot be understated, the third announcement to withdraw Government jobs from the town, Criminal Justice Board and Department for Works and Pensions in recent years.

The Branch Secretary hopes that the Borough Council can influence HMRC's decision by ensuring that the Borough Council's submits an objection to closure by the deadline of 6 August 2008.

The Branch Secretary asks that consideration should be given to questions such as to the economic impact of the town of this withdrawal and/or the impact of removing a 'visible' customs presence from an expanding port.

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