



GREAT YARMOUTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA

for the

HOUSING APPEALS COMMITTEE

29 August 2007

at 10.00 am

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HOUSING APPEALS COMMITTEE

To be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Great Yarmouth
on Wednesday 29 August 2007 at 10.00 am

A G E N D A

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members must declare any personal interests in any items on the agenda and state whether they are also prejudicial interests. In the case of personal non prejudicial interests the Member may speak and vote on the matter. In the case of personal prejudicial interests the Member must leave the room while the matter is discussed.

1. MINUTES

... To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2007 (page 1-2).

2. 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 involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 Part I of Schedule 12(A) of the said Act."

***3. APPEAL AGAINST DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENT (DHP)**

... The Appeals & Policy Team Manager's report and associated documentation is attached (pages 3 - 18 green papers).

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HOUSING APPEALS COMMITTEE

20 June 2007 - 10.00 am

PRESENT:

Councillor Cook (Chairman); Councillors Blyth, M Coleman, Cunniffe, Field, Howard, Holmes, D Thompson and Weymouth.

Mr G Devon (Area Housing Manager) and M/s J Gulliver (Member Services Officer).

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Ames.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2007 were confirmed.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12(a) of the said Act.

3. APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL OF EXCHANGE

The Committee received the Area Housing Manager's report and letters of appeal relating to an application for an exchange. Members were informed that the application had been refused, as the move would result in under occupancy of one of the properties.

The Area Housing Manager explained the circumstances of the case and reported that the decision had been taken in line with Council procedures for dealing with such cases and was consistent with Homeselect policy.

Members of the Committee considered all the information that was available to them with some members believing that the appeal should be upheld on the grounds that the tenant already resides in a two bedroom property. A vote subsequently took place in favour of upholding the Area Managers decision, the reasons being that it was in line with Council policy and to ensure consistency of future decisions.

RESOLVED:

That the Area Housing Manager's decision to refuse the application for exchange be upheld.

4. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 10.25 am.

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