



GREAT YARMOUTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA

for the

**Housing Appeals
Committee**

5 November 2008

at 10.00 am

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HOUSING APPEALS COMMITTEE

To be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Great Yarmouth
on Wednesday, 5 November 2008 at 10.00 am

A G E N D A

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 held on 30 July 2008 (pages 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 REFUSAL TO PAY A DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENT**

... The Appeals and Policy Team Manager's report and associated documentation are attached (pages 3-19, green paper).

***4. APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL TO PAY A DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENT**

... The Appeals and Policy Team Manager's report and associated documentation are attached (pages 20-36, green paper).

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HOUSING APPEALS COMMITTEE

30 July 2008 – 10.00 am

PRESENT:

Councillor Cook (in the Chair); Councillors Blyth, Burroughs, Butcher, M Coleman, Cunniffe, Field, Hacon, B Taylor and D Thompson.

Mrs A Pownall (Area Housing Manager) and Mrs C Webb (Member Services Officer).

An apology for absence has been received from Councillor Grey.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2008 were confirmed.

2. EXCLUSION OF THE 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 of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

3. APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL OF MUTUAL EXCHANGE

The Committee received the Area Housing Manger's report and associated documentation relating to an appeal against a refusal of a Mutual Exchange.

The Mutual Exchange had been refused in line with the current Homeselect Allocation Policy as it would be in excess of the proposed assignee's housing needs. He had already been refused a previous exchange to a two-bed property and had been requested by the Area Housing Manager to seek an exchange with a one-bed property.

However, the appellant had requested that the appeal should go ahead even though he had since secured a three-way Mutual Exchange resulting in him securing a one-bed property which would not be refused under the Housing Act.

The Area Housing Manager had informed the appellant that his other proposed exchange would be held pending the decision of the Housing Appeal Committee.

Members considered all of the information available to them and following a vote, unanimously agreed to uphold the decision by the Area Housing Manager to refuse the Mutual Exchange as it was not in line with current Homeselect Allocation Policy.

RESOLVED:

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

4. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10.05 am.