

## The Enrolled Freeman of Grimsby – Notes for Applicants

The law relating to the conditions of admission has changed, and some people who were previously excluded may now be able to apply.

Please refer to these notes when completing your application form. Answer as much as you can. We will come back to you if there is more information we need.

### Briefly, the main changes are as follows:

a) The **daughter** of an enrolled Freeman can now join. Previously, only sons could do this.

b) The father does not already have to have been a Freeman at the date of the son or daughter's birth. Previously, you could not apply if your father was not already a Freeman when you were born. Now, **provided he was a Freeman at some point**, you can apply.

c) The **wife** of an enrolled Freeman can now join. Previously only daughters of a Freeman could make her husband a Freeman.

### What has stayed the same:

a) Sons can still apply as before, and the daughter of a Freeman can still make her husband a Freeman.

b) To apply, you must be living within the boundary of what was the old Great Grimsby Borough Council, and have lived within that boundary for at least 12 months. **The old boundary does not include New Waltham, Humberston, Cleethorpes, Waltham or Healing.** If in doubt, check with us.

c) You must have paid Council Tax, either directly or indirectly.

### Documents required to support your application:

(Please send these in with your completed application form)

#### If claiming by birth

A full copy birth certificate, **showing the name of the father/mother**. Some applicants omit this, and just produce the standard short form of certificate. However, this isn't sufficient, as it doesn't show the parent's name.

#### If claiming by marriage

- a) Where the wife is the daughter of a Freeman or the husband is a son of a Freeman, then we need to see:

- 1) a copy of the applicant's marriage certificate
- 2) a copy of the wife's/husband's full birth certificate
- 3) a copy of the applicant's birth certificate

b) the applicant is the widow of an enrolled freeman

- 1) a copy of the first husband's death certificate
- 2) a copy of the marriage certificate to the first husband
- 3) a copy of the marriage certificate to the applicant
- 4) a copy of the applicant's birth certificate

If claiming by servitude (i.e. apprenticeship)

- 1) the original Indentures of Apprenticeship
- 2) a copy of the applicant's full birth certificate

**ANY CERTIFICATES SENT IN WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU.**

FEE A fee of £1.13 is payable, but only at the Mayor's Court, upon confirmation of your admission. The reason for this odd amount is because it represents the nearest decimal equivalent to the old sterling fee that applicants originally paid.

You will be reminded of this when notified of the date of the Mayor's Court. **Do not send any money now.**