

**C TCUE**

**Records of the Hull Corporation  
Unemployment Investigation Committee**

**1894-1896**

**Historical Background:** The 1890s was period of great economic difficulty across the UK as a whole, and Hull was no different. With the House of Commons having already established its own special committee to investigate the unemployment issue nationally, April 1895 saw the then Hull Town Council do the same. It was to look at ways in which the municipal authority could provide work for the unemployed. Having organised a conference with both the Hull and Sculcoates Poor Law Guardians in December 1895, the committee reported back in January 1896 and did not convene again until it was reappointed in November 1896. This appears to have been the last time the Unemployment Investigation Committee met.

**Custodial History:** Records created as part of the work of the Hull Corporation Unemployment Investigation Committee and routinely transferred from the Town Clerks Department

**Description:** Committee records including minutes, correspondence, memos and reports

**Arrangement:**

C TCUE/1	Minutes of the Unemployment Investigation Committee	1895
C TCUE/2	Unemployment Investigation Committee reports	1895
C TCUE/3	Records regarding the Hull Conference on the Unemployed	1895-1896
C TCUE/4	Unemployment Investigation Committee correspondence	1894-1895

**Extent:** 1/2 box

**Related Materials:** See council minutes in the searchroom which also contain any associated reports

**Access conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader

<b>C TCUE/1</b>	<b>Minutes of the Hull Unemployment Investigation Committee</b> 1 bundle	<b>11 Mar 1895- 24 Jun 1895</b>
<b>C TCUE/2</b>	<b>Unemployment Investigation Committee reports</b> 2 items	<b>1895</b>
C TCUE/2/1	Draft report compiled by the Town Clerk for the Unemployment Investigation Committee 1 item	Apr 1895
C TCUE/2/2	Notes compiled by the Town Clerk for his report for the Hull Unemployment Investigation Committee 1 item	1895
C TCUE/2/3	Report compiled by the Town Clerk for the Unemployment Investigation Committee 1 item	1 Apr 1895

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<b>C TCUE/3</b>	<b>Records regarding the Hull Conference on the Unemployed</b> Involving the Town Council and the Hull and Sculcoates Boards of Poor Law Guardians 1 bundle	<b>Dec 1895- Jan 1896</b>
<b>C TCUE/4</b>	<b>Unemployment Investigation Committee correspondence</b> 4 items 3 bundles	<b>1894-1895</b>
C TCUE/4/1	Correspondence of the Unemployment Investigation Committee and the Hull Incorporation for the Poor 1 bundle	13 Mar 1895- 3 Jan 1896
C TCUE/4/2	Correspondence of the Unemployment Investigation Committee with the Sculcoates Poor Law Union 1 bundle	13 Mar 1895- 6 Jan 1896
C TCUE/4/3	Correspondence of the Unemployment Investigation Committee with Thomas Milner, Borough Treasurer and A.E. White, Borough Engineer 1 bundle	27 Mar 1895- 2 Jan 1896
C TCUE/4/4	Letters to the Unemployment Investigation Committee 4 items	1895
C TCUE/4/4/1	Letters to the Town Clerk from John Brown and James Woodhouse regarding their inability to attend meetings of the Committee 1 item	9 Mar 1894- c.1895
C TCUE/4/4/2	Letter from John Glover, of Hull, property agent and accountant to the Unemployment Investigation Committee, suggesting projects for the unemployed to undertake 1 item	23 May 1895
C TCUE/4/4/3	Letter from S. C. Perry, Secretary of the West Hull Independent Labour Party to the Unemployment Committee, calling on the council and boards of guardians to deal with the unemployment issue 1 item	c.1890s
C TCUE/4/4/4	Letter from the Kingston Cotton Mill Distress Fund to a local newspaper Thanking those who responded to the appeal with reference to a Town Hall Committee 1 item	c.1890s

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C TCUE/4/5	Letters from the Liverpool Town Clerk to the Unemployment Investigation Committee regarding the unemployment issue 1 bundle	12-28 Mar 1895
C TCUE/5	Records relating to national issues regarding unemployment 2 bundles	1892-1895
C TCUE/5/1	Memos from the Board of Trade and the Local Government Board regarding the relief of unemployment 1 bundle	14 Nov 1892- 31 Dec 1895
C TCUE/5/2	First and Third Reports of the Select Committees on the Distress from Want of Employment Includes a draft scheme to provide work for the unemployed working class submitted by William Mather to the select committee 1 bundle	11 Mar 1895- 2 Jul 1895