

U DX394 Papers of the Town Council for Beverley Campaign Group 1994-1999

Historical background: Following the abolition of Humberside during the local authority reorganisation, and subsequent proposals to create a Unitary Authority for East Riding and Goole in April 1996, a group of Beverley residents formed a campaign group. The group's objective was to fight for the establishment of a town council for Beverley in order that the town did not lose its ancient customs and traditions, including the right to have a mayor. The group consisted of Kate Gray, Pauline Broadley, Harry Flynn, Bill Gray, David Horsley, Shiela Moss and Dennis Parker. The campaign involved much letter writing and support garnering, a referendum of local residents, and a petition to parliament. After a number of years of campaigning, parish council status was granted in March 1998 and elections for the new Beverley Town Council were held in May 1999. The group's success ensured that the historic office of Mayor of Beverley survived.

Custodial history: Deposited by Kate Gray as a committee member of the residents campaign group (Town Council for Beverley Committee) and a former mayor of Beverley, 6 Jun 2017

Description: Files of correspondence, reports, copy petition, referendum papers, notebooks, etc relating to a campaign started by a group of residents for the creation of a town council for Beverley

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- U DX394/1 Report. A Town Council for Beverley: A Summary of Events Leading to the Formation of the Town Council
Author: Kate Gray, former Mayor of Beverley
1 item c.1999
- U DX394/2 File. Press Cuttings
Articles from the Beverley Guardian, Yorkshire Post, This is Hull and East Yorkshire, and the Beverley edition of the Hull Daily Mail relating to the victory of the campaign of the Town Council for Beverley Committee in 1998 and the election of the Kate Gray as Mayor in 1999. Also article in The Times relating to the beginning of the campaign dated 19 Feb 1996.
1 file 1996-1999
- U DX394/3 File. Town Council for Beverley Steering Group Papers
Draft agenda, minutes and reports and associated papers relating to meetings of the steering group. Associate papers include: leaflet 'Report from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Upon its Consideration of the Provision of a Town Council for Beverley'; leaflet 'Report from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and its Final Recommendation Relating to the Provision of a Town Council for Beverley'; draft statutory instrument re 'The East Riding of Yorkshire (Parishes) Order 1998, 14 Jul 1998; information pack re decision of East Riding of Yorkshire Council to disregard petition with 5304 signatures and referendum voting 88% in favour of establishment of a town council; draft of letter appealing for residents to write to the Secretary of State in support of the campaign.
1 file 12 Nov 1997-23 Jul 1998
- U DX394/4 File. Town Council for Beverley Correspondence
Correspondence of Kate Gray as a committee member of the Beverley Town Council Campaign Group.
Correspondents include: Peter Crampton MEP; Beverley Advertiser; East Riding Council; James Cran MP; 10 Downing Street; John Prescott as Secretary of State; Hillary Armstrong MP; Paul Rowsell; Kevin Culwick MP; William Hague; Yorkshire Post; Nigel Pearson; Department of the Environment; Keith Moody; R. Morrison; Local Government Ombudsman.
1 file 20 Aug 1997-19 Mar 1998
- U DX394/5 Notebook. Letter Book
Copy letters sent out by Kate Gray as member of the Town Council for Beverley Campaign Group, includes rough notes made by Gray
1 volume 7 Jan 1996-29 Jan 1997

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U DX394/6	Notebook. Town Council for Beverley Campaign - Kate Gray's Notes Rough notes made by Gray and relating to meetings, appointments, phone calls, Charter Trustees 1 volume	3 Nov 1994- 22 Oct 1997
U DX394/7	File. Town Council for Beverley Referendum Papers relating to a referendum organised by the Town Council for Beverley Campaign Group. Includes flyers, correspondence, press cuttings, ballot accounts, map showing [area leafleted?], flyer 'Should Beverley Have its Own Town Council?', notes, referendum results. 1 file	Jun-Nov 1997
U DX394/8	File. Town Council for Beverley Petition (Part 1) Copy of the petition sent to Parliament requesting the right to establish a town council for Beverley be granted 1 file	May 1997
U DX394/9	File. Town Council for Beverley Petition (Part 2) Papers relating to a petition sent to Parliament requesting that the right to establish a town council for Beverley be granted. Contains letters of support, correspondence with other town councils re precept costs, draft letters to Secretary of State and East Yorkshire Council re submission of the petition. 1 file	19 May 1997- 20 Aug 1997
U DX394/10	File. Town Council for Beverley Campaign Group Papers Papers relating to the work of the campaign group compiled by Kate Gray as one of the committee members, includes references to the Charter Trustees. Contains correspondence, press cuttings, notes, etc. 2 files	13 Apr 1995- 12 Aug 1997
U DX394/11	File. Town Council for Beverley Campaign Group Papers Papers relating to the work of the campaign group compiled by Kate Gray as one of the committee members, includes references to the Charter Trustees. Contains correspondence, press cuttings, notes, etc. 1 file	2 Oct 1996- 25 Mar 1999
U DX394/12	File. Beverley Charter Trustees 1996-1999 Contains minutes and associated papers relating to meetings of the Beverley Charter Trustees of which Kate Gray was one. Includes minutes of final meeting of the trustees and first two of Town Council). Also contains press cuttings relating to the same campaign. 1 file	6 Feb 1996- 10 May 1999