

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development

Planning Committee: 12 June 2012

Subject: Street Naming Policy

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To seek the approval of the Committee regarding a street naming policy

2. Background

- 2.1** A street naming policy was presented to the Planning Committee on 7 February 2012 and the Committee agreed that the policy be agreed in principle and once consultations had taken place the final version of the policy for street naming would be brought back to a future meeting of the Planning Committee for approval. A report was presented to the Community Participation Committee on 18 April 2012 seeking community groups views on the street naming policy.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The Community Participation Committee noted the terms of the street naming policy and indicated it was a positive move. They noted that the statutory body for consultation for planning matters were Community Councils and they should be also consulted on proposed street names. The Committee also required proposals for appropriate community consultation be forward to a future meeting of the Community Participation Committee.
- 3.2** The proposed street naming policy is contained within Appendix 1, together with the reports submitted to the Planning Committee and Community Participation Committee within Appendix 2.
- 3.3** It is considered appropriate that Community Councils are consulted on proposed street names for developments in their area and the local elected members for the ward concerned. The Community Participation Committee also suggested that local schools should be consulted. Whilst this may be appropriate in certain occasions, it would be difficult to administrate as the norm; schools would have to incorporate this across all age ranges and accommodate the subject matter within their general curriculum. Due to the intermittent nature of requests for street naming, over which the Council has no control of the timing of such requests, this would also contribute to difficulties in planning for the carrying out meaningful consultations with our schools. It could also substantially extend the time taken to allocate a new street name. Any delay in approval of street names could have implications for developers and this cannot be justified in the current economic climate.

4. People Implications

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 There are no known risks to the Council.

7. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

7.1 An initial screening of the proposed policy has been carried out and no equality issues were identified.

8. Strategic Assessment

8.1 The proposed policy does not impact on any of the Council's strategic priorities.

9. Conclusions and Recommendations

9.1 No policy currently exists in respect of street naming and it is appropriate to have a street naming policy to allow the fair and consistent allocation of street names.

9.2 It is recommended that Committee approve the policy for street naming contained in Appendix 1 and agree that Community Councils and elected members for the ward concerned are consulted on proposed street names before being brought to the Planning Committee for approval.

9.3 It is recommended that the Community Participation Committee be advised of the decision of the Planning Committee.

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Appendices: Appendix 1 – Proposed Street Naming Policy.
Appendix 2 – Reports to Planning Committee (7 February 2012)
and Community Participation Committee (18 April
2012).

Background Papers: Nil

Wards Affected: All.