

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**Report by Planning, Building Standards and Environmental Health Manager****Planning Committee: 17th April 2024**

Subject: Proposed changes to Street Naming and Numbering Policy**1 Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to agree an addition of a name bank to the street naming policy and allow consideration of street names to be named after a departed individual

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** It is recommended that the Committee agrees the new street naming and numbering policy contained in Appendix 2 and the suggested names within the name bank contained in Appendix 3.

3. Background

- 3.1** The Council, under Section 97 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 has responsibility for naming and numbering new street and numbering of new buildings erected on an existing street. Street naming and numbering is essential for the use of the emergency services, public utilities, postal services and the general public.
- 3.2** The current street naming policy was agreed in May 2015. The current policy requires that the Planning Service suggests a street name and the Community Council and local elected ward members for that area in which the street name(s) are consulted. The proposed Street name(s) is then presented to Planning Committee for approval.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** It is proposed the introduction of a street name bank to ensure maximum consultation and community engagement has been carried out when considering naming new streets within the West Dunbartonshire area. Suggestions can be received at any time as a result of internal engagement, consultation events with residents throughout the year, Councillor engagement with constituents or members of the public.

Every 15 suggestions will be presented to Planning Committee for approval and retained in the bank for when a street naming application is received, this will prevent any delays in delivering the street naming process and negate the risk of delaying the development.

The name bank is split into the three localities within West Dunbartonshire Clydebank, Dumbarton, Vale of Leven and this is to encourage local history to be incorporated as a sense of place within the specific area.

- 4.4** A further change to the policy is to allow the consideration of street names to be named after a departed individual to honour local figures or community leaders, commemorate historical figures or events, recognise the contributions of individuals to the development of an area or pay tribute to influential individuals. Streets are not named after living people to ensure that there is a sufficient time gap of 10 years to assess, an individual's impact and contributions before immortalizing them in a street name.

5. People Implications

- 5.1** There are no people implications associated with this report.

6. Financial & Procurement Implications

- 6.1** There are no financial or procurement issues associated with this report.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1** No risks have been identified.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment

- 8.1** No equality impact assessment is required.

9. Consultation

- 9.1** A workshop was held in March 2024 to consult elected members on the introduction of a street name bank resulting in positive feedback.

10. Strategic Assessment

- 10.1** The proposal does not conflict with the Council's strategic priorities.

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Appendices: Appendix 1 – Existing Street Name Policy
Appendix 2 – Proposed Street Name Policy
Appendix 3 – Street Name Bank

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All