

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 13 SEPTEMBER 2001

STREET NAMING: LOCAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To request the Local Committee to consider arrangements for the involvement of the local community in the process of the determination of names for new streets within the Cumnock Area.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** Section 97 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 gives authority to East Ayrshire Council, in relation to any street or road to which the public have access in their area to "give such name to it as they think fit".
- 2.2** East Ayrshire Council recognise that street naming is particularly important and relevant to the local community and accordingly has determined that the naming of streets be included within the remit of Local Committees.
- 2.3** Furthermore, to ensure local community input into the process the established procedure provides for the appropriate Community Council and local Elected Member to submit suggestions for the name, ideally putting forward, where feasible, a joint suggestion or suggestions.

3. ISSUE FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1** On occasions in the past, where a street name has been requested, the Local Member concerned has asked that arrangements be made for the relevant local Primary School to also submit suggestions for the street name, for consideration by this Local Committee, although this practice has not happened for some time. However, Councillor George Smith has proposed that the practice could be reintroduced, in order to further enhance local input into the street naming process.
- 3.2** The process by which a street name is allocated is initiated when a developer submits a request to the Council in this respect. In many cases the Council needs to respond to such a request quickly to facilitate the provision of services etc. Accordingly, the Community Councils and local Members are given two weeks to submit suggestions following which these are included in the Agenda for the next available meeting of the relevant Local Committee for consideration.
- 3.3** The proposal to include local Primary Schools in the process would require to be accommodated within existing timescales attached to the process and the mechanism through which suggestions for street names would be determined

by pupils would be at the discretion of the Head Teacher of the School concerned.

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no legal or policy implications, or significant financial implications, arising from this report.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 It is suggested that it would be reasonable for the Local Committee to consider the involvement of other sections of the community in the street naming process providing that this would not interfere with the efficiency of the process for the naming of streets.

Fiona Lees
Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

22 August 2001

SN/SR

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Procedure Note - Naming of Streets by Local Committees (19 August 1996).

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer, on telephone number (01563) 576151. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on telephone number (01563) 576135.

Implementation Officer: Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

AGENDA