
REPORT TO:	Environmental & Development Services Committee	AGENDA ITEM: 13
DATE OF MEETING:	2 nd February 2006	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	Deputy Chief Executive	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	Street Naming	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All	TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS05

1.0 Recommendation

That:

- 1.1 delegated powers be granted to the Head of Planning Services to determine uncontested street naming/street numbering applications subject to the process set out in paragraphs 3.8 - 3.10 of this report;
- 1.2 delegated powers be granted to the Head of Planning Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of Development Control Committee to determine contested street naming/street numbering applications subject to the process set out in paragraphs 3.11 of this report; and
- 1.3 the terms of reference be removed from the Development Control Committee.

2.0 Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 To seek Member's approval of a process that will enable the determination of requests for street naming and house numbering to be made within the one month time scale.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 At its meeting on 23rd August 2005 Members of the Development Control Committee considered a report relating to street naming and agreed that a review of the process should be undertaken in the light of the problem that had arisen over timing (minute DC/44).

Current Process

- 3.2 The Council adopted Sections 17-19 of the 1925 Public Health Act relating to the naming of streets to ensure a quick response/agreement to naming proposals. However, there is only one month in which to object to the proposed name.
- 3.3 When a request is received for a new street name mainly on a new development the new suggested name will come from either the developer, the Parish Council or

in certain cases the District Council after consultation and consideration with local connections.

- 3.4 The Parish Council is asked for its opinion on the name and the Royal Mail consulted in order to avoid duplication. A report is then taken to the Development Control Committee seeking approval of the name. Given the lead in time for reports and the timing of meetings the period for objecting to a name is very likely to have lapsed by the time the Committee considers it.
- 3.5 Occasionally the renumbering of houses on existing streets and in some cases renaming lengths of existing streets is required. Due to the number of people involved it can be difficult and time consuming to reach a naming agreement.
- 3.6 Proposals put forward by individuals, authorised bodies and Parish Councils are considered and if the request comes from a Parish Council then confirmation would be expected of consultation with relevant householders and that every body effected by the new proposal is in full agreement.
- 3.7 The District Council would then formally consult with all owners of the properties affected. Following consultation with the appropriate statutory bodies any proposal or contested scheme would be the subject of a report to Development Control Committee.

Proposed new process

- 3.8 On receipt of a request for a street name the Ward Member and Parish Council will be notified and given 14 days within which to respond. The Royal Mail and any other relevant statutory body will also be consulted. In the case of renumbering/renaming of existing streets the occupiers of all properties involved will also be consulted.
- 3.9 If no objections or alternative suggestions are received the Head of Planning Services will write to all concerned confirming the name.
- 3.10 If an alternative street name is proposed by one of the consultees or an objection raised to the proposed name, the Head of Planning Services will negotiate with all parties to see if agreement can be reached and if so will write to all concerned confirming the name.
- 3.11 If agreement cannot be reached between the parties the Head of Planning Services will consult with the Chair and Vice Chair of Development Control Committee regarding the merits of the originally proposed name and whether the objection to it is sufficient to warrant the formal objection process involving legal proceedings to be instigated.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Costs will be incurred if the Council pursues an objection to a proposed street name as they are processed via the courts.

5.0 Community Implications

- 5.1 Securing the provision of appropriate street names can foster community identity.

6.0 Background Papers - None