On 26 June 2019 in accordance with Standing Order 31.1 Council referred the following motion, proposed by Councillor Reid, to the Executive:-

Council agrees that street name signs should identify in brief the provenance of the name as is common in other countries, particularly when it is the name of a person.

Council agrees that this practice would be a useful addition to local history and instil a greater sense of community.

Council agrees that this should apply to any future names and that there should be retrospective application also, where possible and appropriate.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Bissett, moved the terms of the motion.

As an amendment, Councillor Garner, seconded by Councillor Alexander, moved, in substitution for the motion, that the Executive agrees that:-

(1)   information on the provenance of street names would be a useful addition to local history and instil a sense of community pride whilst protecting our Heritage, and

(2)   this should apply to future street names but should be achieved by the information being included on the Council's website [and that this facility should be available for existing streets where the information can be provided at no cost to the Council].

Following discussion, Councillor Reid as the mover of the motion, with the agreement of Councillor Bissett as his seconder, amended the motion to the effect that agreement on the terms of the motion be subject to a future report on cost and practicalities.

In light of the amended motion, Councillor Garner, with the unanimous consent of those present, withdrew his amendment.

Decision

The Executive, subject to a future report on cost and practicalities,:-

(1)   agreed that street name signs should identify in brief the provenance of the name as is common in other countries, particularly when it is the name of a person;

(2)   noted that this practice would be a useful addition to local history and instil a greater sense of community, and

(3) agreed that this should apply to any future names and that there should be retrospective application also, where possible and appropriate.