

EX74. Street Signs – Provenance Information

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services presenting information on the cost, practicality and road safety implications of the proposal to add provenance information to street name signage, following the decision of the Executive on 27 August 2019.

The cost for a developer to provide signage with provenance information would not be borne by the Council, as it would be provided as part of the Road Construction Consent. The Council had undertaken replacement of 97 street name signs over the previous two years at an average supply cost of £55 per sign, with installation costs varying from £60 per sign to £280. The Council's supplier had a cost of £3.95 per letter (for a reinforced sign suitable for post mounting) and £2.95 per letter (for a wall mounted sign).

A sign incorporating provenance information would contain a second line of smaller text, around half the size of the principal text. The Council's current signage supplier had advised that the cost per letter of an additional line of smaller text would be similar to that of the primary street name lettering.

Councillor Garner, seconded by Councillor Hughes, moved that the Executive:-

- (1) recognises the importance of protecting our heritage for this generation and indeed future generations;
- (2) agrees to task officers with producing an online web based solution in which the provenance of current and future street names can be found at the request of the community;
- (3) agrees this will be useful reference point and help instil a greater sense of community, and
- (4) agrees that officers work with local historical societies when researching the provenance of street names.

As an amendment, Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Coombes, moved that the Executive agrees that:-

- (1) in future, street names should identify in brief the provenance of the name where it is that of a person;
- (2) if the name is to be repeated throughout an estate, for example, the provenance should only be shown at the most prominent location, e.g. the entry to the estate;
- (3) if street names plates bearing the name of a person require replacement, the addition of the provenance of the name should be included retrospectively, and
- (4) officers work with local historical societies when researching the provenance of street names.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1, the vote was taken by roll call, there being 12 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (5) – Councillors Alexander, Bouse, Garner, Hughes and Meiklejohn.

For the amendment (7) – Councillors Bissett, Coombes, Harris, Munro, Nicol, Nimmo and Reid.

Decision

The Executive agreed the amendment.