

Name of meeting: Cabinet Committee - Local Issues

Date: 28th March 2018

Title of report: Naming of new street - Land Adjacent, Grange Road, Golcar,

Huddersfield - HD7 4QZ

Purpose of report: To provide the Committee with information, to make an

informed decision on the name for a new street following the

suggestions received

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No		
Key Decision - Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)	Not applicable		
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes		
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	Karl Battersby - 14.03.2018		
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance IT and Transactional Services?	No financial implication		
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	Julie Muscroft - 12.03.2018		
Cabinet member portfolio	Economy - Cllr McBride and Cllr Mather 05.03.2018		

Electoral wards affected: Golcar

Ward councillors consulted: Yes

Public or private: Public

1. Summary

1.1 The council complies with the relevant sections 17 and 18 of the Public Health Act 1925 to control the naming of streets.

- 1.2 The council follows a procedure which involves public suggestions and consultation with stakeholders.
- 1.3 The power to name streets is delegated to the Head of Service (Building Control) in consultation with Ward Members. Where there is a dispute the matter should be referred to the relevant Committee.
- 1.4 The policy itself is dated and needs to be updated. Current Street Naming and Numbering Policy 1990.
- 1.5 The policy needs to be clear as to if it is appropriate to name streets after people that are living or dead.
- 1.6 In general, names should not duplicate or closely resemble existing street names in the area, nor are streets generally named after persons who are living or who have lived in the recent past. Preference is often given to names with local connotations.

2. Information required to take a decision

- 2.1 The new street is formed by a development at Grange Road, Golcar, Huddersfield. See plan lay out, Appendix A and B.
- 2.2 After initial consultation, the suggestions received for naming the new street were Graham Shaw Way, Maddison Way, Thorpe Green Drive, Weavers Lane, Weavers Grove, Weavers Avenue, New Look Lane, Goody Lane, Smile Street, Keeping Close, Birds Avenue, Care Road and Character Place.
- 2.3 The developer's suggestions are Thorpe Green Drive, Weavers Lane, Weavers Grove, and Weavers Avenue.
- 2.4 Phase 1 of the development has been named Weavers Grove and Weavers Avenue. Phase 2 of the development is to be decided.
- 2.5 The suggestion Graham Shaw Way has been put forward. Lance Corporal Graham Shaw lived and was brought up in Golcar. Lance Corporal Graham Shaw died in February 2010 whilst on active service in Afghanistan. Graham Shaw's parents have put the suggestion forward and are therefore in support and feel would be a fitting tribute. There are previous precedents approved by the former Head of Service Building Control i.e. Lisa Head Way and Thomas Wroe Way.
- 2.6 The developer has been consulted and indicated support for the suggestion 'Graham Shaw Way'.
- 2.7 Ward councillors are aware of the suggestion put forward. Cllr Christine Iredale is in support and has suggested there are other fallen service personnel that could be commemorated by the naming of other streets.

3. Implications for the Council

- 3.1 Upon posting of formal notices anyone unhappy about the proposed name can appeal against the decision to the Magistrates' Court. The Council would need to consider whether to defend its position should this occur.
- 3.2 The council will incur costs in defending any appeal that may be lodged. There is a high probability that in such cases the council will have costs awarded against them if they are not successful.
- 3.3 Future residents who are unhappy with the name could propose a name change and start the whole process again.
- 3.4 Early Intervention and Prevention (EIP)

N/A

3.5 Economic Resilience (ER)

N/A

3.6 Improving Outcomes for Children

N/A

3.7 Reducing demand of services

N/A

3.8 Other (eg Legal/Financial or Human Resources)

N/A

- 4. Consultees and their opinions
- 4.1 See above.
- 4.2 Royal Mail have no objections to the proposal to the use of Graham Shaw Way, Graham Shaw Court, Graham Shaw Close, Weavers Lane, Weavers Grove or Weavers Avenue.
- 5. **Next steps**
- 5.1 Once Cabinet Committee determine a proposed name the council will post notices on the site. The notices indicate the proposed name and how anyone unhappy with it can lodge an appeal with the Magistrates' Court.
- 5.2 If there are no objections, following expiry of the notice period the council will follow the procedure to formally name the street.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

- 6.1 Officer recommendation is that the Committee determines to approve the name Graham Shaw Way for one of the new streets at the development. The other name to be used is Weavers Lane. Strong support from the developer, family and members. No negative or adverse objections received.
- 6.2 Reasons is that (a) previous precedents of naming street after fallen military i.e. Lisa Head Way and Thomas Wroe Way and (b) Family, developer and members support no adverse comments received.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations

Cllr Musarrat Khan fully supports Graham Shaw's parents' suggestion to name the new street. Cllr Khan has commented as follows 'I agree with Officers that this is a fitting tribute for Graham Shaw who tragically died in February 2010 whilst on active service in Afghanistan'.

8. Contact officer

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9. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Extract from the current Street Naming and Numbering Policy:-

'Where proposals/suggestions are received which contains the names of persons who are alive or who have lived in the recent past, then the Chief Building Surveyor must be informed as these will normally require to be taken to the appropriate subcommittee for determination in accordance with the Council's policy.'

10. Service Director responsible

Joanne Bartholomew Service Director - Commercial, Regulatory & Operational Services 01484 221000

Appendices

Appendix A - Location Plan

Appendix B - Location Plan Street Layout Plan



