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The Highland Council

Caithness & Sutherland Area Committee
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Naming of New Council Offices Wick

Report by Head of Policy and Reform

Summary
The Committee is asked to homologate the naming of the new Council Offices in Market Place, Wick.

1. Background

1.1   On the 12 May 2012 The Council approved the redevelopment of the existing Market Place and Stafford Place buildings in Wick, with a project budget of £8.5m. The Market Place building has a long recorded history of structural defects and it did not meet the standards required of a public building in the 21st century. Work is now nearing an end with an anticipated occupancy for staff in March 2015.

2. Building Name

2.1   The original buildings were known as Council Offices, Market Place, Wick; however, the adjacent curved building was also known as Stafford Place.

2.2   Local Members felt that they would like to see a new name which adequately identified the new offices with civic pride. After some time considering possible alternative names it was felt that the entire building should now be known as **"Caithness House"**.

3. Implications

3.1   New signage is allowed for within the contract for the new building, so this has no financial implications. The building will retain the same post code and its full address will be known as **Caithness House, Market Place, Wick, KW1 4AB.** Services are currently located in a variety of locations and will be required to change electronic headers and footers for stationery. However any mail or deliveries to the old address will still be received given that the post code remains unchanged.

3.2   There are no Legal, Equalities; Climate Change/Carbon Clever; Risk, Gaelic or Rural implications.

Recommendation

The Area Committee is asked to homologate the naming of the new offices in Wick as **"Caithness House".**

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