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THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Inverness City Committee

Date: 21 November 2019

Report Title: **Street Naming Report**

Report By: **Inverness City Area Manager**

1. **Purpose/Executive Summary**

1.1 This report asks Members to:

- Homologate a street name for a housing development in Drummond.
- Homologate a street name for a housing development in Slackbuie.
- Agree a street name for a housing development at Culloden West
- Agree to the re-naming of three local distributor roads in Inverness South Ward

2. **Recommendations**

2.2 Members are asked to approve

- 1 new street name for housing development in Drummond as Drummond Hill
- 1 new street name for housing development in Slackbuie as Rothes Place
- 1 new street name for housing development in Culloden West as Urchal Park
- 3 new names for distributor roads: Milton of Leys Road; MacAskill Drive and Slackbuie Brae.

3. **Implications**

3.1 Resource – None

Legal - None

Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) - the local community have been consulted on the naming proposals.

Climate Change/Carbon Clever - None

Risk – None

Gaelic - the street signs will include the Gaelic translation and so support Gaelic.

4. Street Naming Process

- 4.1 Under the scheme of delegation, the naming of new buildings and streets within the Council's control is within the remit of the Inverness City Committee. However, to help improve the process in terms of efficiency for all parties, a revised procedure is being trialled. Where a request is being dealt with under the pilot, the Ward Manager has briefed the affected Ward Members and Community Council on the revised procedures prior to the formal naming request being made.
- 4.2 During the pilot any names agreed will still be required to be homologated or approved at the relevant Committee as per the current scheme of delegation.
- 4.3 Ward Managers will provide a separate briefing to Members on the outcome of trials prior to any request being made to revise the scheme.

5 Street naming requests:

5.1 Ward 15

Members are invited to homologate one new street name for the Tulloch Homes development located at Drummond, Inverness.

Only one name was required, and the developer proposed Drummond Hill. Lochardil & Drummond Community Council agreed with this proposal and were content with it.

Members are therefore asked to homologate the name Drummond Hill.

5.2 Ward 19

Members are invited to homologate one new street name for the Tulloch Homes development located on land at Slackbuie Farm, Inverness.

Although only one name was required, the developer put forward five names for consideration namely; Queensbury Gardens, Knights Park, Ladybank, Rothes Place and Selkirk Drive. Inverness South Community Council declined to comment on the proposals and asked for the elected members to make the decision. Ward 19 Members subsequently agreed upon the name of Rothes Place.

Members are therefore asked to homologate the name Rothes Place.

5.3 Ward 17

Members are invited to approve one new street name for the Barratt Homes development at Culloden West. The development has been using names associated with Culloden Battlefield.

The name Urchal appears on older maps but has been lost from use in recent years. The Ordnance Survey showed Urchal as the name of the settlement now known as Leanach Crossroads until the mid-1960s.

Park of Urchal was a former group of buildings on the Culloden Battlefield, immediately to the south of the "Leanach enclosure" and east of Culchunaig Farm. While Roy's map shows an Easter and Wester Urachill, the cluster of buildings at Park of Urchal is shown, but not named.

The only current reference to "Urchal" is the Highland Environment Record, where Park of Urchal is recorded.

Ward 17 Members considered that using the name Urchal Park would be appropriate and would help to preserve an historic name that had fallen from use.

Members are asked to approve the name Urchal Park.

5.4 Ward 19

Street naming requests are usually associated with a need to provide complete postal addresses for properties. All other roads are described and numbered on The Council's list of Adopted Roads. Ward 19 Members expressed concern that three locally important roads were inadequately named and requested that these be given formal names under The Council's Street Naming policy.

Advice from The Council's Corporate Address Gazetteer Team was that the current names used to describe these roads on the List of Adopted Roads constituted an actual name and that a formal process to **re-name** these streets should be followed.

The proposed re-naming is as follows:

- Milton of Leys Distributor Road (part of the U5043) to become "Milton of Leys Road".
- Milton of Leys Access Road (U5180) to become "MacAskill Drive".
- Slackbuie Distributor Road (U5174) to become "Slackbuie Brae"

Inverness South Community Council were content to leave the naming to Ward Members and Ward 19 Members agreed the above names.

Members are therefore asked to approve these new names.

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