

REPORT TO CUSTOMER FOCUS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE

Dates of Meetings: 6 October and 1 November 2022

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 13 December 2022

Report of: Corporate Manager, Executive Support

Title: Revisions to Street Naming and Numbering Policy

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Is this an Executive or Council Function?

Executive / Council

1. What is the report about?

The report seeks member's approval of a number of minor revisions to the council's Street Naming and Numbering Policy.

2. Recommendations:

That Executive recommends approval of, and Council approves, revisions to the council's Street Naming and Numbering Policy.

That approval of future revisions to the policy is delegated to the director with responsibility for planning and development in consultation with the Chair of Planning Committee.

3. Reasons for the recommendation:

To clarify the council's position on street naming and numbering and to ensure effective implementation.

4. What are the resource implications including non-financial resources?

There are no additional resource implications.

5. Section 151 Officer comments:

There are no specific financial implications for Council to consider arising from this report.

6. What are the legal aspects?

None identified.

7. Monitoring Officer's comments:

The amendments to the Policy raise no issues for the Monitoring Officer.

8. Report details:

The council's Street Naming and Numbering Policy was originally adopted in 2008. The policy was aligned with that of Teignbridge and East Devon councils in 2017. This simplified the process and facilitated implementation by Strata, the council's ICT provider, who implement the policy on a day-to-day basis for the three councils.

A number of minor revisions to the policy are proposed to reflect the reality of street naming and numbering, to clarify procedures and to facilitate members' involvement. The proposed revisions are shown in red in the policy attached at Annex A.

9. How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Plan?

The policy contributes to the priorities for a well-run council and value-for-money services.

10. What risks are there and how can they be reduced?

There are no risks associated with adopting the revisions to the policy. Adoption of the revisions will ensure that the policy mitigates any risks in naming and numbering streets.

11. Equality Act 2010 (The Act)

11.1 Under the Act's Public Sector Equalities Duty, decision makers are required to consider the need to:

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other prohibited conduct;
- advance equality by encouraging participation, removing disadvantage, taking account of disabilities and meeting people's needs; and
- foster good relations between people by tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.

11.2 In order to comply with the general duty authorities must assess the impact on equality of decisions, policies and practices. These duties do not prevent the authority from reducing services where necessary, but they offer a way of developing proposals that consider the impacts on all members of the community.

11.3 In making decisions the authority must take into account the potential impact of that decision in relation to age, disability, race/ethnicity (includes Gypsies and Travellers), sex and gender, gender identity, religion and belief, sexual orientation, pregnant women and new and breastfeeding mothers, marriage and civil partnership status in coming to a decision.

11.4 In recommending this proposal potential impact has been identified on people with protected characteristics as determined by the Act and an Equalities Impact Assessment has been included in the background papers for Member's attention.

12. Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

No direct carbon/environmental impacts arising from the recommendations.

13. Are there any other options?

None identified.

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Background papers used in compiling this report:-

None

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