

Title of Report: Motion on Naming of Brandywell Stadium and other Council assets	Officer Presenting: Lead Democratic Services and Improvement Officer Author: As above
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 To seek Elected Member approval for the establishment of and nominations to a dedicated Cross Party Elected Member Working Group to take forward the implementation of the Motion set out in paragraph 2.1.

2 Background

- 2.1 At the meeting of Derry City and Strabane District Council held on 26 October 2017, (Minute Reference C294/17), the following motion was carried:

“That this Council recognises the significant sporting contribution made by Ryan McBride and respectfully mourns his untimely death, further recognises the need to commemorate Ryan’s memory in a fitting way and officers are asked to establish a working group to engage with the public and all stakeholders including Derry City F.C. on the suggestion to rename Brandywell Stadium and bring a paper to a future meeting of the Governance and Strategic Planning Committee to consider the practical implementation of such a proposal including the establishment of criteria for the naming of Council assets.”

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 In order to progress this motion, it is suggested that, in the first instance, the following actions should be taken forward:
 - A Cross Party Working Group of Elected members is established which is supported by relevant Officers;
 - Research is undertaken on what approaches have been adopted by other Councils in respect of the naming of Council assets and any related matters;
 - An overall project timeline and draft engagement plan is developed for consideration by the Working Group. At this stage it is envisaged that the engagement plan will aim to seek relevant views on the renaming of the Brandywell Stadium and any wider policy which looks at the naming of Council assets.

- 3.2 Draft terms of reference for the Working Group have been set out for the Working Group (Appendix 1). It is suggested that these are considered, refined as necessary and agreed at the first meeting of the Working Group.
- 3.3 At present, there are three internal cross party Elected Member working groups, in place focussing on centenary related initiatives / issues, language policy review and Member Development. These groups comprise representation from the four political parties and an Independent Member.
- 3.4 Other cross party models have also been operated such as the Good Relations Working Group and Pricing Policy, Leisure and Sports Services Working Group.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement and other Implications

- 4.1 It is noted that as this motion will potentially result in the development of a Council policy on the naming Council assets, there may be a requirement to conduct an Equality Screening exercise and, if necessary, an Equality Impact Assessment.
- 4.2 The establishment of the working group will require the commitment of resources, which can be managed within existing budgets.
- 4.3 It is suggested that a multi-party approach may be beneficial in the development of an asset naming policy as there may be potential implications across the Council area.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 That a dedicated working group is established to take forward the implementation of the Motion set out in paragraph 2.1;
- 5.2 That Elected Members nominate to a working group of five members – one from each political party and one Independent Member of Council.

Background Papers