

Criteria for any Review of Street and Building Names and other Monuments

Overview & Scrutiny Panel **21 July 2020**

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Status **For Recommendation**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Potentially All wards**

Executive Summary:

The views of the Panel are sought on the criteria and other matters that might be taken into account when reviewing the street and building names, signs and monuments in the district in an effort to end the celebration of figures associated slavery and racism (and potentially other matters).

Recommendation(s):

1. The Panel is asked to consider and recommend what matters the Executive might take into account in reviewing street and building names, signs and monuments in the district.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS	
Financial and Value for Money	In the future, the Executive will need to consider the costs of any specific recommendations and decisions which it makes. There are no financial implications at this stage.
Legal	<p>In undertaking any future review, consideration needs to be given to the Public Sector Equality Duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.</p> <p>The street naming legislation covering England and Wales is contained in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Section 64 and 65 of the Town Improvement Clauses Act 1847; ● Section 160 of the Public Health Act 1875; ● Section 21 of the Public Health Act 1907; ● Section 17, 18 and 19 of the Public Health Act 1925; ● The Local Government Act 1972. <p>In some cases planning permission or listed building consent may be required.</p>
Corporate	There are no corporate implications that are not included elsewhere in the report.
Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector	Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the

Equality Duty	Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	
	Protected characteristics: age, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.	
	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.	
	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	X
	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	X
Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	X	
Consideration of the three 'limbs' of the PSED are clearly very important in this matter.		

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
Growth	
Environment	
Communities	✓

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Following the growth of the Black Lives Matter campaign, a spotlight has been placed on the commemoration of people, events and places in the district in building and street names and other monuments.
- 1.2 This report is not about any particular street and building name or monument. It is about the criteria which the Overview and Scrutiny Panel think that the Executive could take into account in any Thanet wide review of the relevance, suitability and acceptability of such street and building names or monuments.
- 1.3 It is anticipated that the Panel can have a general discussion about this matter from which guidance criteria can be recommended.

2.0 Next Steps

- 2.1 Following this discussion criteria will be drafted for consideration by the Executive in any future review.

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Annex List

None	N/A
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Matthew Sanham, Financial Services Manager
Legal	N/A