

# Planning Committee

10.00 am, Thursday 15 May 2014

## New Street Name South of Albion Road and Albion Gardens, Lochend

Item number	5.1
Report number	
Executive/routine	Executive
Wards	Craigentenny/Duddingston Ward 14

### Executive summary

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's approval of the naming of a new street south of Albion Road and Albion Gardens, Lochend. The name put forward to the ward councillors for their consideration was Thyne Place.

This report is required because the three ward councillors are not in agreement with the suggested name. An alternative suggestion, which has been put forward by one of the councillors, is to name the street Lawrie Reilly Place, in honour of Lawrance (Lawrie) Reilly, a footballer who played for Hibernian Football Club from 1946 to 1958. All three councillors have now agreed to this alternative proposal.

The proposed alternative name does not meet the Council's naming criteria as set out in the Statutory Addressing Charter and naming guidelines.

### Links

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Coalition pledges	<a href="#">P44</a>
Council outcomes	<a href="#">CO19</a>
Single Outcome Agreement	<a href="#">S04</a>

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### Recommendations

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- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
1. agrees that the name Thyne Place be used for this development; and
  2. agrees that the names Reilly, Turnbull and Ormond are added to the Craigentenny /Duddingston name bank for use, at an appropriate time and location.

### Background

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- 2.1 An application has been received from Places for People for the street naming and numbering of 206 new properties 137 metres south of 52 Albion Road. A new street name is required for the new properties.
- 2.2 Appendix 1 contains a location and site plan with the area to be developed highlighted, and the road layout identified. The area is often referred to as the “Lochend Butterfly”.
- 2.3 The Craigentenny / Duddingston street name bank was consulted to establish if there were any suitable names available for the development. There were no names with a suitable connection to the area. Research was therefore required to find a suitable name.

### Main report

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#### Historical Research

- 3.1 William Thyne & Company, a lithography and letterpress printers established in 1871, ran a printing works at Lochend until they outgrew their premises in 1955.
- 3.2 The grandson of the founder of William Thyne and Company, William Thyne III, was born in 1901 and died in 1978. He established the Thyne Scholarship in 1963. The scholarship enables recipients to travel to a country of their choice to study and research their own particular vocation. It is awarded to up to five scholars each year.

- 3.3 As a result of this research, it was concluded that the most appropriate name for the new street would be “Thyne Place”.

### **Consultation**

- 3.4 The three local ward councillors were consulted on the proposed name “Thyne Place” in accordance with the street naming and numbering procedures. The procedures allow the three ward councillors 21 days to consider the proposal. If no reply is received, there is an assumption of support for the proposed name.
- 3.5 Initially, two of the three ward councillors responded indicating their support for Thyne Place.
- 3.6 The third ward councillor put forward the alternative suggestion of naming the street in honour of Lawrance (Lawrie) Reilly. He was a footballer who played for Hibernian Football Club from 1946 to 1958. He was a member of the “Famous Five”, the collective term for Hibernian's forward line from the late 1940s to early 1950s. The other members were Gordon Smith, Bobby Johnstone, Eddie Turnbull and Willie Ormond. The north stand at Easter Road Stadium was named in their honour when it was rebuilt in 1995. All five players have been inducted into the Scottish Football Hall of Fame.
- 3.7 The councillor suggested that the street be named Lawrie Reilly Place. The Councillor was informed that the proposed name did not meet the street naming criteria but that the name Reilly could be put into the Craigentiny / Duddingston name bank for future use.
- 3.8 The Edinburgh Evening News printed several stories in support of naming the street in honour of Lawrie Reilly.
- 3.9 After the end of the 21 day consultation period the other two councillors indicated that they would be supportive of the name Lawrie Reilly Place.

### **Street Naming Criteria**

- 3.10 The alternative suggestion of Lawrie Reilly Place does not meet with the following criterion as laid out in the Statutory Addressing Charter. The Charter states:

*Streets are not named after individual living persons, as there is potential for this to become undesirable at a future date. Where such a name is proposed, it can be added to the appropriate street name bank until a suitable time for its use, i.e. after a minimum of 10 years has passed following an individual's death, and with permission from the family concerned.*

- 3.11 Lawrie Reilly died on 22 July 2013 and, applying the above criterion, the name would not be available for use until July 2023. The Council has not sought the permission of the Lawrie family to use this name, as it does not meet the criteria.

- 3.12 A number of names of recently deceased persons have been entered into the name banks for future use. Previous requests for their early adoption have been refused because they are contrary to the Charter guidelines.

### **Street Naming Guidelines**

- 3.13 The guidelines were put in place to avoid situations where streets have to be renamed following the publication of information about a person which then brings that person's name into disrepute. There have been several high profile cases of such situations in other councils, where street names have been removed and replaced following the emergence of such information.
- 3.14 The Council's Street Naming Guidelines, published for use by the neighbourhood partnerships, provide more detailed information on the criteria used in determining new street names. These guidelines state that:

*New street names should try to avoid duplicating any similar name already in use*

- 3.15 There is an existing street in Leith named Laurie Street. The introduction of the proposed name of Lawrie Reilly Place, could lead to confusion due to the similarity of the names despite the different spelling. People who are not familiar with the area may assume that the two streets were adjacent and this could lead to problems and delays.

### **Summary**

- 3.16 The name Lawrie Reilly does not meet the Council's naming criteria as laid out in the Statutory Addressing Charter and guidelines. However, the name Thyne meets all the street naming criteria.
- 3.17 Reilly would be a suitable name to add to the Craigentiny / Duddingston name bank for use at a future date, together with Turnbull and Ormond. The ward councillor has suggested these latter two names be added. Smith and Johnstone would not be appropriate as there are already streets in the city that bear these names.

## **Measures of success**

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- 4.1 The name agreed should meet the Council's naming criteria as laid out in the Statutory Addressing Charter.

## **Financial impact**

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- 5.1 There is no financial impact to the Council arising from the naming of a street.

## Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

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- 6.1 There are no identified risks to the Council in agreeing the recommendations.
- 6.2 If the recommendations are rejected, and the alternative suggestion is adopted, there may be a requirement to review existing statutory addressing policy and procedures in relation to naming streets after deceased people.

## Equalities impact

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- 7.1 The impacts of the report in relation to the Public Sector Equalities Duty and the ten key areas of rights have been considered. The report has no significant direct impact in the Council's three equalities duties or its ten areas of rights.

## Sustainability impact

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- 8.1 The proposals in this report have been considered in relation to the three elements of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 Public Bodies Duties. Positive impacts were identified for
- Social Cohesion; and
  - Sense of Place.

## Consultation and engagement

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- 9.1 Consultation was carried out with the ward councillors in accordance with street naming and numbering procedures.

## Background reading / external references

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- 1 Statutory Addressing Charter for the City of Edinburgh Council 2013
- 2 Street Naming Guidelines  
([http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/1714/street\\_naming\\_guideline](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/1714/street_naming_guideline))
- 3 Thyne Scholarship: [http://www.esuscotland.org.uk/thyne\\_scholarship.htm](http://www.esuscotland.org.uk/thyne_scholarship.htm)

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## Links

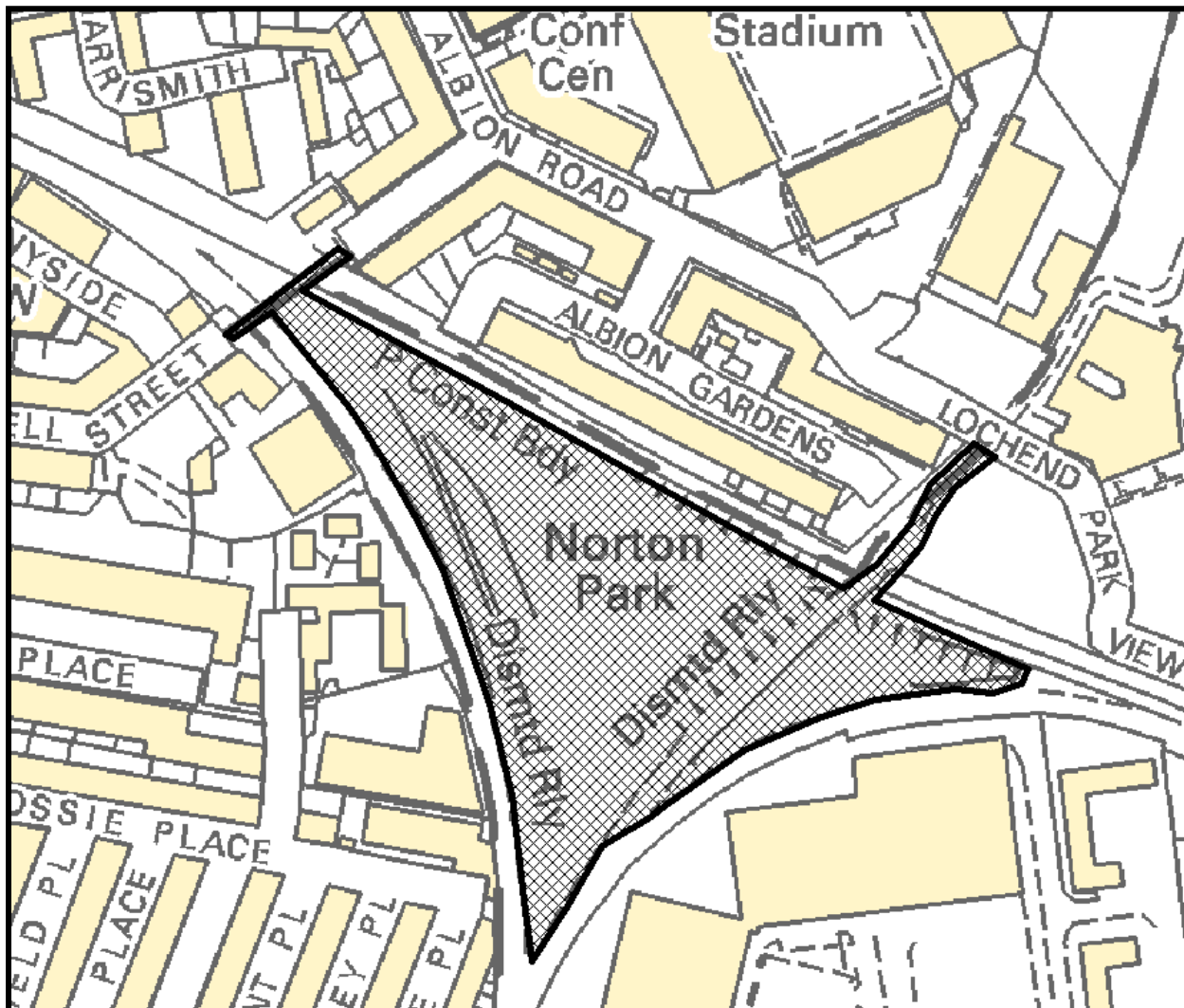
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<b>Coalition pledges</b>	P44 Prioritise keeping our streets clean and attractive
<b>Council outcomes</b>	CO19 Edinburgh remains an attractive city through the development of high quality buildings and places and the delivery of high standards
<b>Single Outcome Agreement</b>	SO4 - Edinburgh's communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric
<b>Appendices</b>	1 Location Plan and Site Plan

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APPENDIX 1

Location Plan



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Proposed area to be renamed

# Site Plan

