



Report of the Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration, Events & Tourism

Council – 16 May 2024

Naming Proposal

Purpose:	To consider the naming proposal for the new courtyard area adjacent to 71 72 Kingsway Offices.
Policy Framework:	Delivering a Successful and Sustainable Swansea Corporate Plan 2024/28
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal, Corporate Management Team, Constitution Working Group
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) Council adopts the naming proposal as recommended by the Constitution Working Group.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Swansea Council's Naming Policy (the 'Policy') was adopted by Council on 25th January 2024.
- 1.2 This report outlines a proposal to formally name the new courtyard area adjacent to 71 72 Kingsway offices as "Mowbray's Yard", and to subsequently add an appropriate naming plaque and street signage to the site.

2. The Courtyard at 71 72 Kingsway

- 2.1 The creation of a new courtyard area is part of the high quality public realm that links the new 71 72 Kingsway offices with the new Biophillic building. The location is shown on the site plan in Appendix A.
- 2.2 It is a key feature of the new developments promoting high quality outdoor space, with hard and soft landscaping, seating, lighting and improved permeability and connectivity for pedestrians.

3. Key Points

- 3.1 The nominee should, in most cases, be deceased; having made a significant contribution to public life.
- 3.2 Correspondence with the surviving family members has confirmed that they are happy with the proposal.
- 3.3 Any proposals to name spaces after individuals should be based on a significant contribution to public life and have a connection to Swansea clearly evidenced.
- 3.4 The proposal was put forward by the Head of Planning & City Regeneration and ratified by CMT.
- 3.5 The Head of Planning & Regeneration has consulted with fellow Heads of Service in the Place Directorate responsible for all aspects of managing the site and all confirmed they were content with the proposal.
- 3.6 The new courtyard is a public open space within the control of the Council.
- 3.7 The Constitutional Working Group (CWG) received a report regarding this proposal on 22nd February 2024. CWG members discussed and deliberated the proposal based on the information received, and in line with the Naming Policy (Appendix A). It was agreed that a report be submitted to Council recommending the formal adoption of the name as outlined above.

4. Huw Mowbray's Contribution to the Regeneration of Swansea

- 4.1 Huw Mowbray sadly passed way after a short period of illness in October 2023. As the former Property Development Manager at the council for many years, Huw's dedication, vision, and tireless efforts have left an indelible mark on our city. Huw's exceptional contributions to the development of our city were nothing short of extraordinary. Throughout his tenure, he conceptualised innovative strategies and successfully executed numerous property developments that have significantly enhanced our city's landscape. Strategic projects such as Copr Bay, Wind Street, Kingsway Regeneration, 71/72 Kingsway and Swansea Stadium were all conceived and delivered under Huw's guidance and care. His

impact extended beyond the city centre, reaching and positively influencing communities far and wide. In honouring Huw with the naming of "Mowbray's Yard," we not only pay tribute to his professional accomplishments but also recognise the genuine and lasting relationships he built within our community.

- 4.2 Huw was not just a skilled property development manager; he was a cherished colleague and a friend to many. Naming this courtyard after him is a fitting way to memorialise his legacy and the enduring impact he had on the city's growth and prosperity, serving as a poignant reminder of Huw's dedication, passion, and the positive transformation he brought to the city. It will not only honour his memory but also inspire future generations of property developers to emulate the excellence he demonstrated throughout his distinguished career and will stand as a lasting tribute to a remarkable individual who played a pivotal role in shaping the vibrant future of our city.

5. Integrated Assessment Implications

- 5.1 The Council is subject to the Equality Act (Public Sector Equality Duty and the socio-economic duty), the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure, and must in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Acts.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socio-economic disadvantage
- Consider opportunities for people to use the Welsh language
- Treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English.
- Ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

- 5.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the 'well-being goals'.

- 5.3 Our Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) process ensures we have paid due regard to the above. It also takes into account other key issues and priorities, such as poverty and social exclusion, community cohesion, carers, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and Welsh language.

5.4 Positive impacts have been identified and no mitigation is required. Clear communications and signage will be required, and information provided to the public and other Council departments on the name and location / coordinates etc. The screening is undertaken by officers within the Planning & City Regeneration department. The Cabinet Member is identified as being the portfolio holder for 'Investment, Regeneration, Events & Tourism'.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 There are no legal implications other than those set out in this report.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 Costs at this stage are anticipated to be in the region of £3,000 for supply and installation of an appropriate naming plaque and street signage. These costs are to be funded from the capital budget available to deliver the 71 72 Kingsway project.

Background Papers: None

Appendices:

Appendix A – Site Plan

Appendix B – IIA Screening Form