



<u>Committee and Date</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Paper</u>
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ADOPTION OF STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING POLICY

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Summary

To agree the Street Naming and Numbering Policy for Shropshire Council.
The policy is also reported to Council on 16 July for final approval.

Recommendations

- A. To recommend to Council that it should adopt the draft Street Naming and Numbering Policy, attached as Appendix A, as Council policy;
- B. To also recommend Council to grant delegated authority to the Director of Development Services (and in turn the Local Land and Property Gazetteer Officer) to undertake the Street Naming and Numbering function

REPORT

1. The naming of streets within Shropshire has become a statutory function of Shropshire Council, covered by Sections 17-19 of the Public Health Act 1925.
2. Maintaining a comprehensive and high standard for naming streets and numbering or naming properties is important as it allows:
 - Emergency services to find a property quickly – delays can cost lives and money
 - Post to be delivered efficiently
 - Visitors to locate their destination
 - Reliable delivery of goods and services
 - Records of service providers to be kept in an efficient manner
 - All of the Council's departments and records to work from one official address base.

3. Recent guidelines for the improvement of the National Land and Property Gazetteer and the implementation of a national addressing standard require Shropshire Council to have a formal policy on street naming and numbering. The policy document at Appendix A has drawn on the best practice of the five Shropshire Districts, which have previously been responsible for discharging this function.
4. The document will provide a basis for consistent decisions on street naming or numbering matters.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

British Standard BS7666-0:2006. "Spatial datasets for geographical referencing – Part 0: General model for gazetteers and special referencing." 3rd Edition, July 2006

British Standard BS7666-1:2006. "Spatial datasets for geographical referencing – Part 1: Specification for a street gazetteer." 3rd Edition, July 2006

British Standard BS7666-2:2006. "Spatial datasets for geographical referencing – Part 2: Specification for a land and property gazetteer." 3rd Edition, July 2006.

LLPG and SN&N Data Entry Conventions and Best Practice for the NLPG. 2nd Edition, Improvement and Development Agency, November 2006.

Public Health Act 1925, s. 17-19.

The Department of Transport Circular Roads 3/93. "Street Nameplates and The Numbering of Premises" 15th December 1993.

Human Rights Act Appraisal

Environmental Appraisal

There are no significant effects as a result of these recommendations.

Risk Management Appraisal

The main risks arising from this report are that a continuing lack of published policy will lead to inconsistent decisions on street naming and numbering and less satisfactory service to the public.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

Cabinet Member

Councillor Martin Taylor Smith

Local Member

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Appendices

Appendix A – Draft Street Naming and Numbering Policy Document