

REPORT TO	ON
CABINET	Wednesday 16 th December 2020



TITLE	PORTFOLIO	REPORT OF
Pearson House, Station Road, Bamber Bridge - Renaming	Leader	Director of Planning and Property

Is this report a KEY DECISION (i.e. more than £100,000 or impacting on more than 2 Borough wards?)	No
Is this report on the Statutory Cabinet Forward Plan ?	No
Is the request outside the policy and budgetary framework and therefore subject to confirmation at full Council? This should only be in exceptional circumstances.	No
Is this report confidential?	No

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. The purpose of the report is for Cabinet to consider the renaming of Pearson House, Bamber Bridge.

PORTFOLIO RECOMMENDATIONS

2. It is recommended that, subject to clearance from street naming and numbering, that Pearson House be renamed Tom Hanson House.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

3. The redevelopment of Pearson House is currently ongoing and due to complete in 2021 with handover to Community Gateway on a lease arrangement. Local ward members have requested a change in the name of the property to honour former Borough Councillor Tom Hanson.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

4. The report relates to the following corporate priorities:

An exemplary Council	
Thriving communities	
A fair local economy that works for everyone	
Good homes, green spaces, healthy places	✓

BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

5. The conversion of Pearson House, Bamber Bridge was approved in October 2018 and subsequently a further approval regarding the lease of the building was taken in March 2020.
6. Works to convert the property to flats are currently at an advanced stage and due to complete in early 2021.

PROPOSALS (e.g. RATIONALE, DETAIL, FINANCIAL, PROCUREMENT)

7. Local ward members are keen to change the name of Pearson House in honour of former Borough Councillor Tom Hanson.
8. Councillor Tom Hanson was a member of South Ribble Borough Council representing Bamber Bridge for 34 years and was Mayor of South Ribble between 1991 and 1992. Councillor Hanson served on most committees of the Council and was a Cabinet Member for a number of years leading on the Regeneration and Planning and also the Best Value and Performance Management portfolios. Councillor Hanson was an active Member of the Bamber Bridge Area Committee. Councillor Hanson also represented the Council on a number of outside bodies, including Bymbrig Social Services Day Centre Committee and Chorley and South Ribble Crossroads Care Scheme. Councillor Hanson sadly passed away on 1 November 2014, aged 84.
9. Officers have researched why the property was named Pearson House and this is in relation to a previous commercial tenant of the building.
10. The costs of the new signage and the street naming and numbering process are minor and can be accommodated in the existing budget for the redevelopment of the property.

CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT AND OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION

11. The name change will go through the normal street naming and numbering process which involves consultation with local Councillors and the Royal Mail.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

12. None

AIR QUALITY IMPLICATIONS

13. None

RISK MANAGEMENT

14. Key risks relate to any confusion with changing the name of a building. At this stage in the programme the timing is ideal as it can be undertaken before the new lessee takes the keys and before billing is set up for utilities.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPACT

15. New signage will meet guidelines for the visually impaired.

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

16. The cost of the signage and the street naming and numbering process can be accommodated in the existing budget for the scheme.

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

17. The proposal will go through the set street naming and numbering process. Subject to this there are no concerns from a legal point of view.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Cabinet reports of 17th October 2018 and 18th March 2020 (taken under urgency powers).

There are no appendices to this report

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