

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

PROPOSED CHANGE OF NAME - PITWOOD HOUSE, SCUNTHORPE

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider a proposed change of name for Pittwood House, Scunthorpe.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Following local government reorganisation North Lincolnshire Council came into being on 1 April 1996. At the same time, the Civic Centre, Scunthorpe was renamed Pittwood House, by Decision Record dated 26 March, 1996, from 1 April 1996.
- 2.2 Many of the buildings currently operated by North Lincolnshire Council are undergoing "worksmart" which is aimed at concentrating all the North Lincolnshire staff in four core buildings which will enable those buildings which will be no longer required to be declared surplus to requirements and disposed of. The worksmart initiative is currently being carried out at Pittwood House. This will include the Registrars moving from their present accommodation on Oswald Road to the Civic Suite within the building.
- 2.3 The Register Office, which has been on Oswald Road for over 50 years has served the area well but now has simply outgrown increased user expectations.

The Council Offices presented here will enable couples to tailor whether they want a larger or smaller wedding ceremony to suit their particular needs. Two ceremony rooms, along with a range of catering facilities will be available which overlook beautiful gardens. Not only that, there will be easy access to parking, and a multitude of photo locations to record the memorable event.

Importantly there will be the ability to provide intimate personal suites for those who are registering deaths to be carried out in private surroundings.

These new services will also provide an opportunity to change the name of the building to reflect its wider future role. This will also reflect that the building is more public facing and the original name of the Civic Centre is considered more appropriate for this wider use and will resonate more clearly.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 There are two options, namely to continue with the current name of the building i.e. Pittwood House or to change its name to the Civic Centre.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

4.1 Financial

4.1.1 There will be some modest costs associated with this change which will include the current road signs and the removal of the Pittwood House signs on the building. Such costs will be approximately £500. All existing stationery will be used up. The commercial opportunities for the possible future use or disposal of the Register Office on Oswald Road will be progressed.

4.2 Staffing

4.2.1 There are no staffing implications associated with this report.

4.3 Property

4.3.1 There are no property issues to consider other than the change of name of the current building.

4.4 IT

4.4.1 There are no IT implications associated with this report.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

5.1 There are no other implications associated with this report.

6. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

6.1 Internal discussions have taken place and the proposal reflects the future wider role of the building.

7. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 That Pittwood House, Scunthorpe be renamed the Civic Centre, Scunthorpe with effect from 1 January, 2012.

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