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WESTERN ISLES HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP

Lewis Residential Care - Goathill Project

Report by Chief Officer, Health and Social Care

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To finalise the name for the residential care home at the new campus at Goathill.

COMPETENCE

2. There are no HR, legal or financial issues arising from this report.

SUMMARY

3. The new multi-functional care and housing campus being developed at Goathill is progressing in line with expectations. At this juncture, the Comhairle, HHP and the IJB will need to agree on the formal naming of the new campus, with each party having responsibility for different elements. HHP have decided to name the Extra Care Housing as Bremner Court (after the late councillor, Mairi Bremner) and the social housing as Sinclair Avenue (a tenant farmer at the turn of the 18th Century, who also built the Barvas Road).
4. The naming of the Care Home is a matter for the IJB. A consultation exercise was carried out with all current residents of Dun Berisay and Dun Eisdean Care Homes, their family carers and staff within those care homes. There were 67 returns from 250 consultation papers sent out.
6. Four different name options were provided based on discussions with the Stornoway Historical Society:
 - Munro House – 2 votes;
 - Goathill Care Home – 12 votes;
 - Seaforth House – 16 votes and
 - Perceval Park Care Home – 6 votes.
7. Respondents were also able to make their own suggestion. The name 'Mo Dhachaigh', which translates to 'My Home', received 13 votes. This was suggested by a family carer of Dun Berisay and staff discussed this amongst themselves and expressed a preference for this name.
8. Respondents did not express a preference for a Gaelic name.

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board agrees that the new care home is named Seaforth House, based on the votes cast by current residents, their family members and staff in Dun Berisay and Dun Eisdean.

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