



Subject:	Request for renaming of Moltke Street Playground
Date:	22nd September 2022
Reporting Officer:	David Sales, Director City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Stephen Leonard, Neighbourhood Services Manager

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To seek approval to begin the process of renaming this facility Ruby Murray Park in line with a community request.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve this request.
3.0	Background
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	A housing association development in 2014 in the Village area of the city created an area of open space at the junction of Nubia Street and Moltke Street. Aspirations of the local community to use the space as a “village green” and local play park were realised when SP+R approved the land transfer from Radius housing association to council ownership. It was the last transfer agreed before council took a decision to accept land only from statutory partners and only with an accompanying financial contribution towards future maintenance. The transfer was completed in 2019 after numerous AWG and committee discussions and a very protracted legal process.
3.2	At the beginning of the development the community through Blackstaff Community Development Association requested the asset be named after the late Ruby Murray who was a local resident. The complexities of completing the land transfer were such that the naming was not treated as a priority at the time and for council the asset is referred to as Nubia St playground. There have been a number of requests from the community (Appendix 1) over the intervening years and most recently contact has been made by Mr

<p>3.3</p>	<p>Burgess the husband of the Late Ruby Murray in support of the initiative. The Chair of the local Neighbourhood Partnership has also been consulted and has indicated that he has no issues with the name being proposed.</p> <p>Whilst there is no current policy on the naming of parks the framework attached at appendix 3 (2008) forms the basis of current practice with the public consultation element carried out through the councils “Your Say” platform. Officers are proposing that as there is only one name coming forward for consideration and given the strong support within local community, committee might consider that the normal process of wide scale public consultation is not followed on this occasion and that members agree to the renaming of the asset as Ruby Murray Park.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.4 None.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>3.5 None</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 - Letter from Blackstaff CDA 2014</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Email from Mr Burgess.</p> <p>Appendix 3 - Committee report Naming Framework 2008</p>