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LASTING MEMORIAL FOR THE LATE CHARLES SWIFT OBE

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Rachel Edwards, Head of Constitutional Services	Deadline date: May 2024
<p>It is recommended that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve a lasting memorial to the late Charles Swift OBE 2. Approve the renaming of the square adjacent to Sand Martin House and agree for the installation of a memorial plaque. 	

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for Council to agree to the renaming of the square adjacent to Sand Martin House to Charles Swift Square and to the installation of a memorial plaque.

2. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 Former Councillor and Mayor Charles Swift passed away on 16 August 2022.

Charles was elected to the North Ward on 1 July 1954, becoming the youngest ever member of the city council at the age of 23.

Charles served residents there until 2016 when he retired after 62 years' service and was believed to be the longest serving city councillor in the Country.

Charles led the Council, as well as being Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the City.

Charles played a key role in the biggest development period of the city in the 1960's.

In 1985 he was awarded an OBE for services to public and he also received the Freedom of the City for Peterborough.

It was understood that Charles was the longest serving Councillor in the Country.

Charles stood down from the Council in 2016 after serving 62 years.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 3.1 The recommendations links to the Sustainable Future City Council Corporate Priorities and recognises the hard work and dedication that the late Charles Swift OBE gave to the City of Peterborough and the wards that he was elected to serve.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Under Section 18 of the Public Health Act 1925 the Council are required to display a notice of the proposed change for at least 1 month. This notice has been displayed at the square adjacent to Sandmartin House and no objections have been received.

Further discussion has taken place with Aragon and the emergency services who confirmed that there would be no impact to the renaming of the square.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 5.1 This will be covered by existing budgets.

Legal Implications

- 5.2 *None.*

Equalities Implications

- 5.3 *None.*

6. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

None.

7. Appendices

None.