



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
PETITIONS SUB COMMISSION
8 February 2010**

ITEM 4

Report of the Corporate Director of
Environmental Services

Proposal to rename Moorways Sports Centre dance studio

SUMMARY

- 1.1 Judie Williams spent more than 20 years as an Aerobics Instructor at Moorways Sports Centre. Judie passed away last summer following a long battle with cancer.
- 1.2 The Council has received a petition signed by 354 people asking that the dance studio at the sports centre be renamed in Judie Williams' memory.
- 1.3 Given Judie's evident commitment to dance I have no objection to this proposal in principle. However, the Council does not currently offer naming opportunities at its venues and, although worthy, approval could lead to many other requests being received that the Council may not be able to meet.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Sub Commission asks the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture to consider that the dance studio at Moorways Sports Centre be renamed the Judie Williams Dance Studio.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Council has hosted six charity events at Moorways in the past seven years. The most recent event, on 5 September 2009, was attended by around 100 people and resulted in £1,700 being raised for Cancer Research.
- 3.2 The petition submitted to the Council includes signatures from people from across all areas of Derby, as well as some from people living outside the city, showing the widespread support for this proposal.
- 3.3 The dance studio at Moorways Sports Centre is currently unnamed. However, the Council does not currently offer naming opportunities at its venues and, although worthy, approval could lead to many other requests being received that the Council may not be able to accommodate.

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Background papers: None

List of appendices: Appendix 1 – letter and supporting statement received from lead petitioner

