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**COMMEMORATION OF LOUIS BRAILLE.**

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**1.0 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report gives Members information regarding a recent request made to the Council to mark the bi-centenary of the birth of Louis Braille.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 Members are asked to consider the request made by the Royal National Institute of Blind People, that the bi centenary of the birth of Louis Braille be marked appropriately by the Council.

**3.0 DETAIL**

- 3.1 The Council Leader has received a written request from the Royal National Institute of Blind People that the Council mark the bi-centenary of the birth of Louis Braille (1809-52). Louis Braille invented the famous system of raised dots, still very much in use today, which allowed blind people to read and write again. Braille made one of the biggest contributions ever to the field of disability, and Braille has been compared to the invention of the printing press for sighted people.
- 3.2 The RNIB has indicated that naming a street or building in Argyll and Bute after Braille would celebrate this world-famous invention, and highlight the Council's commitment to helping people with a disability achieve their full potential.
- 3.3 The Council Leader has asked that each Area Committee consider this request in regard to the possibility of naming a public building, or a street after Braille to mark the bi-centenary of his birth.

## **4.0 CONCLUSIONS**

Members are asked to consider this request which would support the Council's policy of supporting persons with disability.

## **5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

Policy: In line with Council's policy on Inclusion.

Financial: None

Personnel: None

Equal Opportunities: None

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