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| Subject: | Proposals for dual language street signs |
| Date: | 6 th May 2025 |
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Yes

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No

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1.1 | To consider applications for the erection of dual language street signs for ten existing streets within the city. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.0 | Recommendation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.1 | The Committee is asked to agree to the erection of a second street nameplate in Irish at Friendly Place, Stanfield Place, Stanfield Row, Friendly Row, Veryan Gardens, Thornberry Mews, Bearnagh Glen, Meadowhill Grange, Willowbank Gardens and Rossmore Drive. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.0 | Main Report | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.1 | <u>Key Issues</u> The Council may erect a second street nameplate in a language other than English pursuant to Article 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1995. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.2 | Members are asked to consider the following applications to erect dual language street nameplates showing the name of the street expressed in a language other than English. The second language is Irish. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.3 | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>English Name</th><th>Non- English Name</th><th>Location</th><th>Persons surveyed</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Friendly Place</td><td>Plás na gCarad</td><td>Off Stewart Street, BT7</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr> <td>Stanfield Place</td><td>Plás Stanfield</td><td>Off Upper Stanfield Street, BT7</td><td>59</td></tr> <tr> <td>Stanfield Row</td><td>Rae Stanfield</td><td>Off Upper Stanfield Street, BT7</td><td>48</td></tr> <tr> <td>Friendly Row</td><td>Rae na gCarad</td><td>Off Friendly Street, BT7</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr> <td>Veryan Gardens</td><td>Gairdíní Veryan</td><td>Off Whitwell Road, B36</td><td>64</td></tr> <tr> <td>Thornberry Mews</td><td>Eachlann Thornberry</td><td>Off Thornberry Road, BT14</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bearnagh Glen</td><td>Gleann Shliabh Bearnach</td><td>Off Bearnagh Drive, BT11</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr> <td>Meadowhill Grange</td><td>Gráinseach Chnoc na Cluana</td><td>Off Glencolin Manor, BT11</td><td>65</td></tr> <tr> <td>Willowbank Gardens</td><td>Gairdíní Bhruach na Sailí</td><td>Off Antrim Road, BT15</td><td>131</td></tr> <tr> <td>Rossmore Drive</td><td>Céide Ros Mór</td><td>Off Rossmore Avenue, BT7</td><td>90</td></tr> </tbody> </table> | | | English Name | Non- English Name | Location | Persons surveyed | Friendly Place | Plás na gCarad | Off Stewart Street, BT7 | 16 | Stanfield Place | Plás Stanfield | Off Upper Stanfield Street, BT7 | 59 | Stanfield Row | Rae Stanfield | Off Upper Stanfield Street, BT7 | 48 | Friendly Row | Rae na gCarad | Off Friendly Street, BT7 | 22 | Veryan Gardens | Gairdíní Veryan | Off Whitwell Road, B36 | 64 | Thornberry Mews | Eachlann Thornberry | Off Thornberry Road, BT14 | 18 | Bearnagh Glen | Gleann Shliabh Bearnach | Off Bearnagh Drive, BT11 | 18 | Meadowhill Grange | Gráinseach Chnoc na Cluana | Off Glencolin Manor, BT11 | 65 | Willowbank Gardens | Gairdíní Bhruach na Sailí | Off Antrim Road, BT15 | 131 | Rossmore Drive | Céide Ros Mór | Off Rossmore Avenue, BT7 | 90 |
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| Veryan Gardens | Gairdíní Veryan | Off Whitwell Road, B36 | 64 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Meadowhill Grange | Gráinseach Chnoc na Cluana | Off Glencolin Manor, BT11 | 65 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Willowbank Gardens | Gairdíní Bhruach na Sailí | Off Antrim Road, BT15 | 131 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rossmore Drive | Céide Ros Mór | Off Rossmore Avenue, BT7 | 90 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 3.4 | The translations were authenticated by Queens University, the approved translator for Belfast City Council. |
| 3.5 | In accordance with the Council's policy for the erection of dual language street signs, surveys of all persons appearing on the electoral register plus owners or tenants in actual possession of commercial premises for the above streets were carried out and the following responses were received. |
| 3.6 | <p>Friendly Place, BT7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 occupiers (37.5%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. |
| 3.7 | <p>Stanfield Place, BT7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 occupiers (16.94%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. |
| 3.8 | <p>Stanfield Row, BT7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 occupiers (20.83%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. |
| 3.9 | <p>Friendly Row, BT7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 occupiers (68.8%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. |
| 3.10 | <p>Veryan Gardens, BT36</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 occupiers (18.75%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. 1 occupier (1.56%) was not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. 1 occupier (1.56%) had no preference either way. |
| 3.11 | <p>Thornberry Mews, BT14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 occupiers (22.22%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. |
| 3.12 | <p>Bearnagh Glen, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 occupiers (44.44%) were in favour of the erection of a second name plate. 1 occupier (5.55%) had no preference either way. |
| 3.13 | <p>Meadowhill Grange, BT11</p> <p>23 occupiers (35.38%) were in favour of the erection of a second name plate</p> |

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| 3.14 | <p>Willowbank Gardens, BT15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 37 occupiers (28.24%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 1 occupier (0.76%) was not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 1 occupier (0.76%) had no preference either way. |
| 3.15 | <p>Rossmore Drive, BT7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 occupiers (30%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 6 occupiers (6.66%) was not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. |
| 3.16 | <p><u>Assessment against policy</u></p> <p>The Council's policy on the erection of a second street nameplate requires that at least fifteen percent (15%) of the occupiers surveyed must be in favour of the proposal to erect a second street sign in a language other than English, to progress to Committee for consideration.</p> <p>All the surveys listed above demonstrate compliance with the threshold contained within the Policy.</p> |
| 3.17 | <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There is a cost of approximately £2880 to cover the cost of the manufacturing and erection of the dual language street signs. The cost for these street signs has been allowed for in the current budget.</p> |
| 3.18 | <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>Each application for a dual language street sign is subject to an initial assessment for any potential adverse impacts on equality, good relations, and rural needs.</p> <p>The initial assessments and elected member notification carried out for the applications being considered did not identify any potential adverse impacts to prevent the surveys being carried out.</p> |
| 4.0 | Appendices |
| | None |