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| Subject: | Proposal for a Dual Language Street Sign |
| Date: | 13 th October 2015 |
| Reporting Officer: | Trevor Martin, Head of Building Control |
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| Is this report restricted? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the decision eligible for Call-in? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of report or summary of main issues |
| 1.1 | To consider an application for the erection of a dual language street sign for an existing street within the City. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | As at least two thirds of the total numbers of persons surveyed in the street are in favour of the proposal to erect a second street nameplate in Irish at Waterville Street the Committee is recommended to approve the application. |
| 3.0 | Main report |
| | <u>Key Issues</u> |
| 3.1 | The power for the Council to consider applications to erect a second street nameplate in a language other than English is contained in Article 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1995. |
| 3.2 | Members are asked to consider the following application to erect a second street nameplate showing the name of the street expressed in a language other than English. |

The second language is Irish.

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| English Name | Non-English Name | Location | Applicant | Persons Surveyed |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Waterville Street | Sráid an Choireáin | Off Clonard Gardens | Clonard Neighbourhood Development Partnership | 17 |

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The translation was authenticated by Queen's University, the approved translator for Belfast City Council.

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In accordance with the Council's policy for the erection of dual language street signs surveys of all persons appearing on the Electoral Register for the above street were carried out and the following responses were received.

Survey outcome

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12 people (71%) are in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate; 5 people (29%) did not respond to the survey.

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The Council's policy on the erection of a second street nameplate requires that at least two thirds (66.6%) of the people surveyed must be in favour of the proposal to erect a second street sign in a language other than English.

Financial & Resource Implications

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There is a cost of approximately £200 covering 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.

Equality or Good Relations Implications

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There are no direct Equality implications.

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Appendices

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None