



<b>Subject:</b>	Proposal for dual language street signs
<b>Date:</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> December, 2022
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<b>Call-in</b>	
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider an application for the erection of dual language street signs for an existing street within the City.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	This application was received prior to the implementation of the new dual language street signs policy and was considered under the old policy following consultation with the applicant. Under the old policy two thirds of the persons surveyed were required to support the proposal for a second street sign in a second language. 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 John Street, the Committee is recommended to approve the application.

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>										
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>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.</p>										
3.2	<p>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. This application was received by Building Control prior to the new dual language policy being implemented and was progressed under the old policy.</p>										
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3.4	<p>The translation was authenticated by Queens University, the approved translator for Belfast City Council.</p>										
3.5	<p>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 street were carried out and the following responses were received.</p>										
3.6	<p><b>John Street, BT12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28 occupiers (66.67%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate</li> <li>• 2 occupiers (4.76%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate</li> <li>• 12 occupiers (28.57%) did not respond to the survey</li> </ul>										
3.7	<p>The Council’s old policy on the erection of a second street nameplate requires that at least two thirds (66.6%) of the occupiers surveyed must be in favour of the proposal to erect a second street sign in a language other than English.</p>										

3.8	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There is a cost of approximately £100 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> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>
3.9	<p>There are no direct equality/rural needs implications.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None