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| Subject: | Proposal for dual language street signs |
| Date: | 8 th August, 2023 |
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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | To consider applications for the erection of dual language street signs for twelve existing streets within the city. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | The Committee is asked to agree to the erection of a second street nameplate in Irish at Mica Drive, Coolnasilla Park South, Haypark Avenue, Eliza Street Terrace, Friendly Street, Rosnareen Avenue, St James Parade, St Judes Square, Lagmore View Road, Ashgrove Park, La Salle Park and Mill Valley Road. |
| 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 a second street nameplate showing the name of the street expressed in a language other than English. The second language for all 12 applications is Irish.

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| English Name | Non- English Name | Location | Persons surveyed |
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| Mica Drive, BT12 7NL | Céide an Mhíoca | Off Ballymurphy Street, BT12 | 156 |
| Coolnasilla Park South, BT11 8LF | Páirc Chúil na Saileach Theas | Off Coolnasilla Park East, Glen Road, BT11 | 128 |
| Haypark Avenue, BT7 3FF | Ascaill Pháirc an Fhéir | Off Ormeau Road, BT7 | 256 |
| Eliza Street Terrace, BT7 2AX | Ardán Sráid Eilíse | Off Lower Stanfield Street, BT7 | 20 |
| Friendly Street, BT7 2HP | Sráid na gCarad | Off Stewart Street, BT7 | 218 |
| Rosnareen Avenue, | Ascaill Ros na Ríona | Off Ramoan Gardens, BT11 | 184 |
| St James Parade, BT12 6EL | Paráid San Séamas | Between St James Road and Donegall Road, BT12 | 42 |
| St Judes Square, BT7 2WA | Cearnóg San Iúd | Off Raby Street, BT7 | 8 |
| Lagmore View Road, BT17 0FR | Bóthar Radharc an Laig Mhóir | Off Lagmore Glen, BT17 | 105 |
| Ashgrove Park, BT14 6NE | Páirc Gharrán na Fuinseoige | Off Cliftonville Road, BT14 | 113 |
| Mill Valley Road, BT14 8FB | Bóthar Ghleann an Mhuilinn | Off Ligoniel Road, BT14 | 61 |
| La Salle Park, BT12 6DL | Páirc La Salle | | 54 |

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.

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Mica Drive, BT12

- 83 occupiers (53.20%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 occupiers (1.28%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 2 occupier (1.28%) had no preference either way • 69 occupiers (44.23%) did not respond to the survey |
| 3.7 | <p>Coolnasilla Park South, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63 occupiers (49.22%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 1 occupier (0.78%) had no preference either way • 64 occupiers (50%) did not respond to the survey |
| 3.8 | <p>Haypark Avenue, BT12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 99 occupiers (38.67%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 12 occupiers (4.69%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 1 occupier (0.39%) had no preference either way • 144 occupiers (56.25%) did not respond to the survey |
| 3.9 | <p>Eliza Street Terrace, BT7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 occupiers (50%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 10 occupiers (50%) did not respond to the survey |
| 3.10 | <p>Friendly Street, BT7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 61 occupiers (27.98%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 3 occupiers (1.37%) had no preference either way • 154 occupiers (70.64%) did not respond to the survey |
| 3.11 | <p>Rosnareen Avenue, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 44 occupiers (23.91%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 3 occupiers (1.63%) had no preference either way • 137 occupiers (74.46%) did not respond to the survey |
| 3.12 | <p>St James Parade, BT12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 occupiers (16.67%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 1 occupier (2.38%) had no preference either way |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34 occupiers (80.95%) did not respond to the survey |
| 3.13 | <p>St Judes Square, BT7</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 occupiers (37.5%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 6 occupiers (62.5%) did not respond to the survey |
| 3.14 | <p>Lagmore View Road, BT17</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 occupiers (28.57%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 1 occupier (0.95%) had no preference either way • 74 occupiers (70.48%) did not respond to the survey |
| 3.15 | <p>Ashgrove Park, BT14</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 53 occupiers (46.90%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 8 occupiers (7.08%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 52 occupiers (46.02%) did not respond to the survey |
| 3.16 | <p>Mill Valley Road, BT14</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 occupiers (24.59%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 1 occupier (1.64%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 2 occupiers (3.28%) had no preference either way • 43 occupiers (70.49%) did not respond to the survey |
| 3.17 | <p>La Salle Park, BT12</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 occupiers (38.89%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 2 occupiers (3.70%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 31 occupiers (57.41%) did not respond to the survey |
| | <p><u>Assessment against policy</u></p> |
| 3.18 | <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</p> |

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| 3.19 | <p>second street sign in a language other than English, to progress to Committee for consideration.</p> <p>All of the surveys listed above demonstrate compliance with the threshold contained within the Policy. However, the Committee is reminded that the Council retain a residual discretion under the Policy to decide to erect or not to erect a street sign in a language other than English in certain circumstances. This will be done on a case-by-case basis.</p> |
| 3.20 | <p>The Policy states that it may be appropriate to depart from the procedures in this Policy when there are clear reasons for doing so. This may include taking into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the views of the Occupiers of the street; (b) the results of the initial assessment for the application, including any identified potential adverse impacts on equality, good relations and rural needs; (c) consideration of the local context of the application; (d) any other Council policies or strategies related to the application; and (e) all material considerations relating to the application. <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> |
| 3.21 | <p>There is a cost of approximately £4,990 to cover the cost of the manufacturing and erection of approximately 41 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> |
| 3.22 | <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> |
| 3.23 | <p>The initial assessments and elected member notification carried out for the 12 applications being considered did not identify any potential adverse impacts to prevent the surveys being carried out.</p> |
| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
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