



Subject:	Proposals for dual language street signs
Date:	10 th October, 2023
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To consider applications for the erection of dual language street signs for seven existing streets within the City.

2.0	Recommendation																														
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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 **Cavanmore Gardens, BT11**

- 36 (33.96%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate
- 70 occupiers (66.04%) did not respond to the survey.

3.7 **Wolfhill Gardens, BT14**

- 14 occupiers (17.07%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate.
- 3 occupiers (3.66%) had no preference either way.
- 65 occupiers (79.27%) did not respond to the survey.

3.8 **Wolfhill Link, BT14**

- 14 occupiers (31.11%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate.
- 31 occupiers (68.89%) did not respond to the survey.

3.9 **Millview Court, BT14**

- 10 occupiers (29.41%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate.
- 24 occupiers (70.59%) did not respond to the survey.

3.10 **Westrock Crescent, BT12**

- 9 occupiers (25%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate.
- 4 occupiers (11.11%) had no preference either way.

<p>3.11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 occupiers (63.89%) did not respond to the survey. <p>Gransha Way, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 occupiers (44.83%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate. • 1 occupier (3.45%) was not in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate. • 15 occupiers (51.72%%) did not respond to the survey.
<p>3.12</p>	<p>The Manor, BT10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34 occupiers (37.78%%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate. • 56 occupiers (62.22%) did not respond to the survey.
<p>3.13</p>	<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>3.14</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>
<p>3.15</p>	<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>3.16</p>	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There is a cost of approximately £1,470 to cover the cost of the manufacturing and erection of approximately 11 dual language street signs. The cost for these street signs has been allowed for in the current budget.</p>

3.17	<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 6 applications being considered did not identify any potential adverse impacts to prevent the surveys being carried out.</p>
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	None