



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Proposal for dual language street signs</b>
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>																																							
1.1	To consider applications for the erection of dual language street signs for eight existing streets within the city.																																							
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>																																							
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3.4	The translations were authenticated by Queens University, the approved translator for Belfast City Council.																																							

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 streets were carried out and the following responses were received. Detail as to the received responses are set out below.</p>
3.6	<p><b>Cranmore Gardens, BT9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 35 occupiers (28.23%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 35 occupiers (28.23%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 4 occupiers (3.23%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>
3.7	<p><b>Stewartstown Mews, BT11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 occupiers (62.50%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> </ul>
3.8	<p><b>Mountainview Parade, BT4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 occupiers (19.74%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 2 occupiers (2.63%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> </ul>
3.9	<p><b>Mountainview Gardens, BT14</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 36 occupiers (25%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 6 occupiers (4.17%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 2 occupiers (1.39%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>
3.10	<p><b>Bingnian Drive, BT11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 79 (35.43%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> </ul>
3.11	<p><b>Mizen Gardens, BT11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 occupiers (30.30%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 2 occupiers (6.06%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> </ul>
3.12	<p><b>Dermott Hill Road, BT12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 65 occupiers (30.95%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> </ul>
3.13	<p><b>Marcus Ward Street, BT7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 occupiers (27.5%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 1 occupier (2.5%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 1 occupiers (2.5%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>
3.14	<p>As part of the new policy, the Council have agreed that applications for dual language street signage in the city centre will be subject to wider public consultation.</p>
3.15	<p>An application was received to erect dual language signs in Irish at Marcus Ward Street. This street is located within the city centre boundary agreed by SP&amp;R Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> February</p>

<p>3.16</p> <p>3.17</p> <p>3.18</p> <p>3.19</p> <p>3.20</p>	<p>2023 and ratified by Council on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023. A survey of occupiers of the street indicated that 27.5% of occupiers are in favour of the proposal to erect second nameplates in Irish.</p> <p>Following the survey Belfast City Council sought the views from the community of users including those who live, work, study or visit the city on the proposal to erect dual language street signs in Marcus Ward Street. In line with the Council decision of 1 March 2023, adverts were placed in the Belfast Telegraph, Irish News and Newsletter. Submissions could be made from 23<sup>rd</sup> November to 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024. No responses were received during the consultation period.</p> <p><b><u>Assessment against policy</u></b></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. All of the surveys listed above demonstrate compliance with the threshold contained within the Policy.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>There is a cost of approximately £3,500 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><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></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 eight applications being considered did not identify any potential adverse impacts to prevent the surveys being carried out.</p>
<p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b>Appendices</b></p>
	<p>None</p>