



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Proposals for dual language street signs</b>
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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	<p>Antrim Road, BT15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 294 occupiers (25.52%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 33 occupiers (2.86%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 14 occupiers (1.21%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>
3.7	<p>Harberton Drive, BT9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 occupiers (40%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 5 occupiers (10%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 1 occupier (2%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>
3.8	<p>Marlborough Park Central, BT9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 43 occupiers (37.39%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 14 occupiers (12.17%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 6 occupiers (5.21%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>
3.9	<p>Balmoral Avenue, BT9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 67 occupiers (28.75%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 21 occupiers (9.01%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 4 occupiers (1.71%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>
3.10	<p>Finaghy Road North, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 85 occupiers (35.56%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 10 occupiers (4.18%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 5 occupiers (2.09%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>
3.11	<p>Shandon Park, BT5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 41 occupiers (16.8%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 121 occupiers (49.59%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 7 occupiers (2.86%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul> <p>A number of comments were provided by those who responded to the survey mainly concerned about the costs and that the money would be better spent on other public services.</p>

3.12	<p>Deerpark Parade, BT14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 occupiers (63.15%) were in favour of the erection of a second name plate.</li> </ul>
3.13	<p>Marsden Gardens, BT15</p> <p>14 occupiers (22.95%) were in favour of the erection of a second name plate</p>
3.14	<p>Glandore Avenue, BT15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>29 occupiers (25.66%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>3 occupiers (2.65%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> </ul>
3.15	<p>Linden Gardens, BT14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>34 occupiers (41.46%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>1 occupier (1.21%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>
3.16	<p>Greenhill Grove, BT14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 occupiers (32.25%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>1 occupier (3.22%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>
	<p><b><u>Assessment against policy</u></b></p>
3.17	<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>
3.18	<p>All the surveys listed above demonstrate compliance with the threshold contained within the Policy.</p>
	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p>
3.19	<p>There is a cost of approximately £4380 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>
3.20	<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>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	None

