



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Proposals for dual language street signs</b>
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1.1	To consider applications for the erection of dual language street signs for eight existing streets within the city.																																						
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3.1	<p><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.</p>																																						
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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>Caffrey Drive, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 occupiers (42.86%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 1 occupier (4.76%) was not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> </ul>																																						

3.7	<p>River Close, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 occupiers (29.03%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> </ul>
3.8	<p>Summerhill Walk, BT17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13 occupiers (32.5%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> </ul>
3.9	<p>Lagmore View Manor, BT17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19 occupiers (39.58%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> </ul>
3.10	<p>Ludlow Square, BT15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 occupiers (17.86%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> </ul>
3.11	<p>Serpentine Gardens, BT36</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18 occupiers (30%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> </ul>
3.12	<p>Glencolin Park, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 occupiers (25%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>1 occupiers (2.08%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> </ul>
3.13	<p>Blacks Court, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 occupiers (38.89%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> </ul>
3.14	<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.</p> <p>All the surveys listed above demonstrate compliance with the threshold contained within the Policy.</p>

3.15	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>There is a cost of approximately £2500 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>
3.16	<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 and an elected member notification process to identify any potential adverse impacts on equality, good relations and rural needs.</p> <p>The initial assessments and elected member notification carried out for the applications being considered did not identify any potential adverse impacts to prevent the surveys being carried out.</p>
4.0	<b>Appendices</b>
	None