



<b>Subject:</b>	Consultation on Council decision to erect bilingual/multilingual external naming and internal directional signage in Andersonstown, Lisnasharragh, Olympia and Templemore Leisure Centres – Special Meeting
<b>Date:</b>	17 December 2019
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's authority to hold a special meeting to consider the results of the public consultation in respect of the Council's decision to erect bilingual/multilingual external naming and internal directional signage in Andersonstown, Lisnasharragh, Olympia and Templemore Leisure Centre.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agree that a special meeting be held at 9.30 am on Friday, 31 January, 2020 to consider the results of the public consultation</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree, in view of the time within which decisions would be required, to the suspension of the call-in process</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	At a Special Council meeting on 11 October 2019, the Council agreed to engage in a citywide consultation in respect of bilingual and multilingual naming and the type of signage to be used in centres designated to have a citywide catchment, together with local consultation. In addition, it was agreed to grant delegated authority to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee permitting it to authorise the bilingual and such other signage to be procured and installed for the opening of Andersonstown Leisure Centre and for the committee to meet no later than week commencing 26 January 2020.
3.2	The public consultation opened on Tuesday 5 November 2019 and is due to close on Monday 10 January 2020. In order for results to be analysed and a report to be prepared for Committee, it is recommended to hold a special committee meeting on Friday 31 January 2020 at 9.30am.
3.3	It is also recommended that in accordance with Standing Order 47(2)(c) that this decision should not be subject to call-in, on the basis that an unreasonable delay could be prejudicial to the Council's or the public's interest.
3.4	Council also agreed to apply the Council policy on bilingual naming of local facilities in respect of Brook Leisure Centre and to agree to the principle of the installation of bilingual signage, subject to review at the close of the consultation period. Bilingual signage for Brook has been ordered and is due to be installed in the coming weeks to be in place for the official opening in January. A short local consultation exercise is due to be carried out in relation to signage at Brook leisure centre which will inform future decisions about this signage. Under the Language Strategy, an overarching policy will be developed and consulted on to cover future Council projects.
	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u>
3.5	The cost of the activities related to the public consultation are covered within existing budgets.

3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>The promotion of equality of opportunity and good relations are key principles within which the Council's language strategy is delivered. The screening document and Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) was included as part of the public consultation and comments incorporated into an updated screening and RNIA.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None