



Subject:	Proposal for Dual Language Street Signs
Date:	14th January 2020
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider an application for the erection of dual language street signs for existing streets within the City.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	As at least two thirds of the total numbers of persons surveyed in the streets are in favour of the proposal to erect a second street nameplate in Irish at Gortfin Street, Cavendish Square and Trostan Way. The Committee is recommended to approve the application.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> The power for the Council to consider applications to erect a second street nameplate in a language other than English is contained in Article 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1995.
3.2	

Members are asked to consider the following applications to erect a second street nameplate showing the name of the street expressed in a language other than English. The second language is Irish.

3.3

English Name	Non- English Name	Location	Applicant	Persons surveyed
Gortfin Street	Sráid an Ghoirt Fhionn	Off Cavendish Street, BT12	Councillor Deirdre Hargey	23
Cavendish Square	Cearnóg Chaibhendis	Off Falls Road, BT12	Councillor Deirdre Hargey	24
Trostan Way	Bealach Throstáin	Off Dunmisk Park, BT11	Councillor Séanna Walsh	21

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 for the above streets were carried out and the following responses were received.

3.6

Gortfin Street, BT12

16 people (70%) are in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate
7 people (30%) did not respond to the survey

3.7

Cavendish Square, BT12

18 people (75%) are in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate
6 people (25%) did not respond to the survey

3.8

Trostan Way, BT11

18 people (86%) are in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate
3 people (14%) did not respond to the survey

3.9	The Council's policy on the erection of a second street nameplate requires that at least two thirds (66.6%) of the people surveyed must be in favour of the proposal to erect a second street sign in a language other than English.
3.10	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There is a cost of approximately £400 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>
3.11	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no direct equality/rural needs implications.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None