



<b>Subject:</b>	Proposal for dual language street signs
<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
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<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider an application for the erection of dual language street signs for two existing streets within the City.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
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 Slieveban Avenue and Rockville Street, the Committee is recommended to approve the applications.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
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 second street nameplates 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
	Benraw Gardens	Garraithe Bheann Rátha	Off Benraw Road, BT11	Councillor Séanna Walsh	3
	Creeve Walk	Siúlán na Craobhe	Off Commedagh Drive, BT11	Councillor Séanna Walsh	60

3.4 The translations were authenticated by Queens University, the approved translator for Belfast City Council and Belfast City Council's Irish Language Officer.

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 **Benraw Gardens, BT11**

2 people (67%) are in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate  
 1 person (33%) did not respond to the survey

3.7 **Creeve Walk, BT11**

41 people (76%) are in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate  
 4 people (7%) have no preference either way  
 15 people (25%) did not respond to the survey

3.8 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.

3.9	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There is a cost of approximately £250 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><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>
3.10	<p>There are no direct equality/rural needs implications.</p>
4.0	<p><b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>None</p>