



Subject:	Dual Language Street Signs Policy
Date:	23rd September 2022
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval of the final version of the revised Dual Language Street Signs Policy to reflect the decision which it took at its meeting on 17th June, 2022. The final version of the revised policy was discussed at the Party Group Leaders' Consultative Forum on 15 th September, where it was agreed that the policy be presented to the Committee for approval prior to its publication on the Council website.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to approve the final version of the revised Dual Language Street Signs Policy at Appendix 1 to allow for its publication on the Council website.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Committee, at its meeting on 17th June, 2022, agreed that the revised Dual Language Streets Signs Policy would be implemented following ratification by the Council at its meeting on 4th July. A copy of the relevant minute is attached at Appendix 2 .
3.2	The SP and R decision was ratified by the Council and the policy is now live. Over 500 requests for dual language street signs under the new policy have been received since the Committee's decision. These have been logged and are being responded to.
3.3	The final version of the revised Policy includes the updated approach to carrying out Equality and Good Relations assessments which was agreed by Committee at its meeting on 17 th June 2022.
3.4	The changes relate primarily to the fact that each application will undergo an 'initial assessment' for any potential adverse impacts on equality, good relations or rural needs, rather than an 'equality screening' in the first instance. This was reported to the SP and R Committee on 17th June 2022 and agreed at that time.
	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
3.5	There are no finance or resource implications attached to this report.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Implications</u>
3.6	There are no equality or good relations implications attached to this report.
4.0	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Final version of the Dual Language Street Signs Policy Appendix 2 – Minute of SP and R Committee meeting of 17 th June 2022