



Subject:	Proposal for dual language street signs
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider applications for the erection of dual language street signs for four existing streets within the city.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	As at least fifteen percent 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 Lake Glen Drive, Lagmore Dale, Iris Walk and Abyssinia Street the Committee is asked to consider the applications.
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	Persons surveyed
	Lake Glen Drive, BT11 8TF	Céide Ghleann an Locha	Off Falls Road	72
	Lagmore Dale, BT17 00TQ	Gleanntán an Laig Mhóir	Off Stewartstown Road	414
	Iris Walk, BT12 7BX	Siúlán na Seileastar	Off Springfield Avenue	30
	Abyssinia Street, BT12 4LY	Sráid na hAibisíne	Off Leeson Street	24

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 **Lake Glen Drive, BT11**

- 18 occupiers (25%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate
- 54 occupiers (75%) did not respond to the survey

	<p>Lagmore Dale, BT17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 152 occupiers (37%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 2 occupiers (1%) had no preference either way • 260 occupiers (62%) did not respond to the survey <p>Iris Walk, BT12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 occupiers (43%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 17 occupiers (57%) did not respond to the survey <p>Abyssinia Street, BT12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 occupiers (21%) were in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate • 19 occupiers (79%) did not respond to the survey <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, in order to progress to Committee for consideration.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.7 There is a cost of approximately £1,650 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> <p>3.8 Each application for a dual language street sign is subject to an initial assessment for any potential adverse impacts on equality, good relations and rural needs.</p> <p>3.9 The initial assessment has not identified any adverse impact.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None