



Subject:	Proposal for dual language street signs
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3.4	The translations were authenticated by Queens University, the approved translator for Belfast City Council.																																											

3.5	<p>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.</p>
3.6	<p>Brookvale Street, BT14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 occupiers (21.05%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.7	<p>Beechlawn Avenue, BT17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41 occupiers (40.59%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 9 occupiers (8.91%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate. • 3 Occupiers (2.97%) had no preference either way. <p>One resident is not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate as they feel it could cause offence and possibly raise tensions in the local area as it is a mixed community. Another resident is not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate as they feel it is being used as a political weapon and labels the street as Nationalist. They state that it feels like a step backwards and it makes them feel uncomfortable.</p>
3.8	<p>Linen Grove, BT14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 occupiers (16.66%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.9	<p>Dawson Street, BT15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 occupiers (59.45%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.10	<p>Jubilee Avenue, BT15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 occupiers (51.61%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.11	<p>Thorndale Avenue, BT14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 occupiers (22.82%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.12	<p>Woodland Grange, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63 occupiers (39.37%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 3 Occupiers (1.87%) had no preference either way.

3.13	<p>Wellington Park Terrace, BT9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 occupiers (17.14%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 11 occupiers (31.42%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate. • 1 Occupier (2.85%) had no preference either way. <p>One resident is not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate as they feel the street is a mixed community and the dual language sign would risk undermining the harmony and would be damaging.</p>
3.14	<p>Grangeville Gardens, BT10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 51 occupiers (36.42%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 21 occupiers (15%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate. • 1 Occupier (0.71%) had no preference either way. <p>One resident is not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate as they state that the street has been a flashpoint for sectarian trouble in the past. They state that property in the street was vandalised and residents were attacked. They worry the sign will label the area as solely Nationalist and fear the street could become a flashpoint again.</p>
3.15	<p><u>Assessment against policy</u></p> <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, to progress to Committee for consideration.</p>
3.16	<p>All of the surveys listed above demonstrate compliance with the threshold contained within the Policy.</p>
	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.17	<p>There is a cost of approximately £3,300 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>
3.18	<p>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>
3.19	<p>The initial assessments and elected member notification carried out for the applications being considered did not identify any potential adverse impacts to prevent the surveys being carried out.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>None</p>