#### PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES



Subject:	Proposal for dual language street signs			
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1.0 Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues				

To consider applications for the erection of dual language street signs for nine

	existing streets within the city.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to agree to the erection of a second street nameplate in Irish at, Glenveagh Drive, Glenbawn Link, Mount Eagles Grove, Marlborough Park North, Knutsford Drive, Mill Valley Lodge, Rosapenna Drive, Hawthorn Glen and Brenda Park.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Key Issues The Council may erect a second street nameplate in a language other than English pursuant to Article 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1995.
3.2	Members are asked to consider the following applications to erect a dual language 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
	Glenveagh Drive, BT11 9HX	Céide Ghleann Bheatha	Off Lenadoon Avenue, BT11	176
	Glenbawn Link, BT17 0TY	Nasc an Ghleanna Bháin	Off Glenbawn Avenue, BT17	30
	Mount Eagles Grove, BT17 0GH	Garrán Chnocán na nIolar	Off Mount Eagles Crescent, BT17	22
	Marlborough Park North, BT9 6HJ	Páirc Marlborough Thuaidh	Off Marlborough Park Central, BT9	153
	Knutsford Drive, BT14 6LZ	Céide Knutsford	Off Westlan Road, BT14	142
	Mill Valley Lodge, BT14 8FU	Lóiste Ghleann an Mhuilinn	Off Mill Valley Road, BT14	16
	Rosapenna Drive, BT14 6GT	Céide Mhachaire Loiscthe	Off Cliftonville Road, BT14	46
	Hawthorn Glen, BT17 0NU	Gleann na Sceiche	Off Hannahstown Hill, BT17	330
	Brenda Park, BT11 9EJ	Páirc Brenda	Off Finaghy Road North, BT11	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 plus owners or tenants in actual possession of commercial premises, for the above streets were carried out and the following responses were received.

	Glenveagh Drive, BT11			
3.6	57 occupiers (32.38%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.			
	Glenbawn Link, BT17			
3.7	11 occupiers (36.66%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.			
	Mount Eagles Grove, BT17			
3.8	11 occupiers (50%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.			
	Marlborough Park North, BT9			
3.9	<ul> <li>33 occupiers (21.56%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>39 occupiers (25.49%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.</li> <li>4 occupiers (2.61%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>			
	One resident is not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate as they are concerned about the cost.			
	Knutsford Drive, BT14			
3.10	<ul> <li>51 occupiers (35.91%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>14 occupiers (9.85%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.</li> <li>1 occupier (0.70%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>			
	Mill Valley Lodge, BT14			
3.11	<ul> <li>7 occupiers (43.75%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>1 occupier (6.25%) was not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.</li> <li>1 occupier (6.25%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>			
	Rosapenna Drive, BT14			
3.12	<ul> <li>12 occupiers (26.09%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>1 occupier (2.17%) was not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.</li> </ul>			
	Hawthorn Glen, BT17			
3.13	<ul> <li>117 occupiers (35.45%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>1 Occupier (0.3%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>			
	Brenda Park, BT11			
3.14	<ul> <li>10 occupiers (47.62%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>1 occupier (4.76%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>			

## 3.15 Assessment against policy

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.

All of the surveys listed above demonstrate compliance with the threshold contained within the Policy.

# 3.16 Financial and Resource Implications

There is a cost of approximately £2790 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.

### 3.17 **Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment**

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.

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.

### 4.0 Appendices

None