



Subject:	Proposals for dual language street signs
Date:	8 th April 2025
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To consider applications for the erection of dual language street signs for six

	existing streets within the city.																												
2.0	Recommendation																												
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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	Grace Street, BT2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 occupiers (42.86%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. 																												
3.7	Sussex Place, BT2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 occupiers (24.62%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. 																												

3.8	<p>Russell Street, BT2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 occupier (50%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.9	<p>Russell Place, BT2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 occupiers (41.94%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 2 occupiers (6.45%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.
3.10	<p>Lavinia Mews, BT7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 occupiers (27.27%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.11	<p>Eliza Street Close, BT7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 occupiers (15%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.12	<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>
3.13	<p>All the surveys listed above demonstrate compliance with the threshold contained within the Policy.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.14	<p>There is a cost of approximately £1800 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>
3.15	<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>
3.16	<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>