



Belfast City Council

Report to: Health & Environmental Services Committee

Subject: **Application for the Erection of a Dual-Language Street Sign**

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Relevant Background Information

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.

An application has been received to erect a second street nameplate at Ardmonagh Parade, showing the name of the street expressed in a language other than English. The second language is Irish.

The translation was authenticated by Translation Line, the approved translator for Belfast City Council.

In accordance with the Council's policy for the erection of dual language street signs a survey of all persons appearing on the Electoral Register for the above street was carried out and elicited the following response:

Ardmonagh Parade, BT11

54 people (86%) are in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate
3 people (5%) are not in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate
6 people (9%) did not respond to the survey

The Council's policy on the erection of a second street nameplate requires that at least two thirds (66.6%) of the people surveyed must be in favour before the proposal to erect a second street sign in a language other than English can proceed.

Key Issues

To consider the following application for a Bi-lingual nameplate for an existing street in the City.

English Name	Non-English Name	Location	Applicant	Persons Surveyed
Ardmonagh Parade	Paráid Ard na Móna, BT11	Off Norglen Parade	Councillor Janice Austin	63

Resource Implications

There is a cost of £150.00 covering the cost of the manufacturing and erecting of the bilingual sign although there are no human resource or asset implications.

Recommendation

As more than two thirds of the total number of persons surveyed in each street are in favour of the proposal to erect a second street nameplate in Irish at the above location, the Committee is recommended to approve the application