



## Belfast City Council

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| <b>Report to:</b>         | Health and Environmental Services Committee         |
| <b>Subject:</b>           | <b>Proposal for Dual Language Street Signs</b>      |
| <b>Date:</b>              | 7th January, 2015                                   |
| <b>Reporting Officer:</b> | Trevor Martin, Head of Building Control, ext. 2450  |
| <b>Contact Officer:</b>   | Stephen Hewitt, Building Control Manager, ext. 2435 |

| <b>1</b> | <b>Relevant Background Information</b>   |
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| 1.1      | 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.  |
| 1.2      | An application has been received to erect a second street nameplate at Glenshane Gardens, showing the name of the street expressed in a language other than English. The second language is Irish.   |
| 1.3      | The translation was authenticated by Queens University, the approved translator for Belfast City Council.  |
| 1.4      | In accordance with the Council's policy for the erection of dual language street signs surveys of all persons appearing on the Electoral Register for the above street were carried out and the following responses were received.<br><br><b>Glenshane Gardens, BT11</b> |
| 1.5      | 34 people (81%) are in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate<br>2 people (5%) have no preference either way<br>6 people (14%) did not respond to the survey  |
| 1.6      | 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 of the proposal to erect a second street sign in a language other than English.                                     |

| <b>2</b>          | <b>Key Issues</b>   |                           |                   |                  |           |                  |                   |                          |                           |                   |    |
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| 2.1               | <p>To consider the following applications for dual language street signs for existing street names within the City.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>English Name</th> <th>Non-English Name</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Applicant</th> <th>Persons Surveyed</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Glenshane Gardens</td> <td>Garraithe Ghleann Sheáin</td> <td>Off Slieveban Drive, BT11</td> <td>Ms Rosie McCorley</td> <td>42</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | English Name              | Non-English Name  | Location         | Applicant | Persons Surveyed | Glenshane Gardens | Garraithe Ghleann Sheáin | Off Slieveban Drive, BT11 | Ms Rosie McCorley | 42 |
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| <b>3</b> | <b>Resource Implications</b>  |
| 3.1      | <p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>There is a cost of approximately £200 covering 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> |
| 3.2      | <p><u>Human Resources</u></p> <p>None</p>   |
| 3.3      | <p><u>Assets and Other Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>   |

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| <b>4</b> | <b>Equality Implications</b>                    |
| 4.1      | There are no equality or good relations issues. |

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| <b>5</b> | <b>Recommendations</b>  |
| 5.1      | As at least two thirds 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 the above location the Committee is recommended to approve the application. |

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| <b>6</b>  | <b>Decision Tracking</b> |
| <p>If the decision is to refuse the application, then a letter will be sent to the applicant within 5 days of the Council decision, advising them of the decision.</p> <p>If the decision is to grant the application, then the applicant and all relevant organisations are advised within 14 days of the Council decision. Building Control will arrange for the dual language sign to be erected within 8 weeks.</p> <p>The person responsible for the actions above is Trevor Martin, Head of Building Control.</p> |                          |