



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy & Resources Committee
Subject:	Consultation on "Bi-lingual Traffic Signs Draft Policy and Draft Equality Impact Assessment"
Date:	Friday 18 May 2012
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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members that the Minister for Regional Development has decided not to pursue the draft policy on the provision of bi-lingual traffic signs.

2. Background

- 2.1 In January 2011, the DRD issued a consultation document on "Bi-lingual Traffic Signs Draft Policy & Draft Equality Impact Assessment". The aim of the draft policy was to facilitate the introduction of a limited number of certain bi-lingual traffic signs in English and either Irish or Ulster-Scots for the specific purpose of promoting minority languages.
- 2.2 A report on the consultation was taken to the Council's Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on Friday 18th February 2011 and to the Council Meeting on Tuesday 1st March where the following response was agreed:
- 'This Council does not support the Draft Bi-lingual Traffic Signs Policy, and, as a nominating body, would not wish to finance the erection of such signs in the City'.**
- 2.3 The Chief Executive wrote to the Department for Regional Development on the 9th March 2011 advising of this response (see attached at **Appendix A**).
- 2.4 The Department have now issued a letter to the Chief Executive (see attached at **Appendix B**) advising that the Minister has decided not to pursue the provision of bi-lingual traffic signs.

Equality implications

None

Resource implications

None

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the attached report.
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Decision tracking

No further action required
