



<b>Subject:</b>	Proposal for dual language street signs
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<b>Call-in</b>	
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	To consider an application for the erection of dual language street signs for existing streets within the City.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	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 Clifton Street, Stephen Street, Forest Street and Fort Street, the Committee is recommended to approve the applications.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> 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.

3.2 Members are asked to consider the following applications to erect a second 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	Applicant	Persons surveyed
Clifton Street	Sráid Clifton	Between Carrick Hill, BT1 and Carlisle Circus BT14	Carrick Hill Residents Association	12
Stephen Street	Sráid Stiofáin	Between Library Street, BT1 and Little Donegall Street, BT1	Carrick Hill Residents Association	10
Forest Street	Sráid na Foraoise	Off Springfield Avenue, BT12	Councillor Claire Canavan	57
Fort Street	Sráid an Dúin	Off Springfield Avenue, BT12	Councillor Claire Canavan	40

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 **Clifton Street, BT13**

9 people (75%) are in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate  
 1 person (8%) was not in favour of the erection of a second nameplate  
 2 people (17%) did not respond to the survey

3.7	<p><b>Stephen Street, BT1</b></p> <p>9 people (90%) are in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate  1 person (10%) was not in favour of the erection of a second nameplate</p>
3.8	<p><b>Forest Street, BT12</b></p> <p>40 people (70%) are in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate  17 people (30%) did not respond to the survey</p>
3.9	<p><b>Fort Street, BT12</b></p> <p>28 people (70%) are in favour of the erection of a second street nameplate  12 people (30%) did not respond to the survey</p>
3.10	<p>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.</p>
3.11	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There is a cost of approximately £1,200 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>
3.12	<p>There are no direct equality/rural needs implications.</p>
4.0	<p><b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>None</p>