

<b>Report on</b>	Council Dual Language Signage Damage
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	1st July 2019
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Terry Scullion, Head of Property Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Cormac McGinley, Building Maintenance Officer

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To provide members with an update on the ongoing repairs and costs associated with damage to Council Dual Language Signage since April 2018.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Members were previously updated in April 2018 on damage and repair or replacement costs to Council installed dual language signage.
2.2	A further update was requested at the June 2019 Environment Committee. This will include the number of dual language signs damaged, the type of sign (gateway, road, street) being damaged, frequency and location.
2.3	A further report will be brought to the September Committee on the English only signs following analysis of survey data taken from the grass cutting of nameplate signage in late May/early June.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Property services have repaired and replaced damaged or defaced council signage since April '18. In house maintenance staff have removed graffiti which has made the signs illegible, re-installed signs which have been taken from the ground and replaced signs which have been removed or damaged beyond repair.
3.2	In total there have been 62 separate incidents of vandalism on council signage within this period, April '18 to June '19 which continue to be reported to the PSNI.
3.3	A full breakdown of the repairs with costings is included in appendix 1. Details include date, location, type of signage, details of the incident and the costings relating to the repairs carried out.

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	<p>Financial: Approximately £9,312 has been incurred since April '18 to June '19 on repairing or replacing vandalised council signage located on road sides.</p>
	<p>Human:  Within existing resources and third party suppliers.</p>
	<p>Risk Management:  To facilitate the replacement or clearing of nameplates, so far as resources permit, for residents and emergency services.</p>
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	<p>Equality &amp; Good Relations Implications:  None.</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications:  None.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members are requested to note the content of this report.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1 – Inventory of Council bilingual signage repairs (April '18 to June '19)