

Report on	Dual Language Signage – Derry Road
Date of Meeting	10 th November 2020
Reporting Officer	William Wilkinson

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To advise Members on the costs of administering the dual language application request for Derry Road as well as associated issues in relation to the application.
2.0	Background
2.1	In accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) NI Order 1995 – Article 11 the Council is tasked with the responsibility to erect dual language signs or second nameplates, adjacent to the nameplate in English.
2.2	The Policy for Dual Language Nameplate Signage as adopted forms the basis for considering requests expressing the name in a language other than English, to both existing and new streets – see Appendix 1.
2.3	In each case where a request is received for dual language nameplate signage, the process as detailed in Appendix 3 is followed. It should be noted that the Council has access to the publically available version of the Electoral Register which does not contain all the names. Where the name of a requester does not appear on the Public Electoral Register, an officer must check the full Electoral Register which is only available by visiting the Electoral Office in Belfast.
2.4	Dual language nameplate signage requests have been considered for erection across the District by Mid Ulster District Council since the adoption of the Dual Language Policy in 2017. Formerly, the legacy Magherafelt District Council had erected dual language signage and a comprehensive list of all signage erected is available. There was no such Policy in the legacy Cookstown or Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council areas although there was a small number of new streets/roads named in Irish.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Correspondence was received by Mid Ulster District Council from a resident of Derry Road on 9 th March 2020 (see Appendix 2) requesting dual language nameplate signage at Derry Road, Coalisland and subsequently verified on the same date as the name of the resident appeared on the public assessable Electoral Register.

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3.3	<p>The cost of processing the application for Derry Road was as detailed below:</p>																										
	<p>i. Verification cost including Administration £25</p>																										
	<p>ii. Preparation of Survey £40</p>																										
	<p>iii. Completion of survey £25</p>																										
	<p>TOTAL cost of Administration of Request £90</p>																										
3.4	<p>It should be noted that the cost of each dual language nameplate signage request does vary in cost depending on the availability of information either in the office or requiring one or more visits to the Electoral Office in Belfast, number of dwellings on the road and the number of occupants in each dwelling.</p>																										
3.5	<p>In the case of Derry Road, there were eight households and nineteen residents which appear on the Electoral Register and hence can be considered one of the smaller streets to be processed in relation to a Dual Language Nameplate Signage request.</p>																										
3.6	<p>Due to an issue raised in relation to dual language signage being in place, the Property Services Department was liaised with as well as ascertaining if there was any information which was available from the legacy Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council regarding signage on this road. There was no information regarding dual language nameplate signage being erected either by MUDC or the legacy Council.</p>																										
3.7	<p>In addition, an inspection of signage visible in the vicinity of either end of the Derry Road was carried out following the meeting and as detailed by photographs in Appendix 4, no signage was apparent.</p>																										

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Within current resources
	Human: Within current resources
	Risk Management: All applications are processed in accordance with the Policy for Dual Language Nameplate Signage as adopted
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	It is recommended that Members note the content of this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Policy for Dual Language Nameplate Signage
6.2	Appendix 2 – Copy of verified letter of request for dual language signage at Derry Road
6.3	Appendix 3 – Process for dual language signage requests
6.4	Appendix 4 – Photographs of Derry Road (at junction of Derryvale Road and Railway View)