

Report on	Dual Language Signage Legislative Requirements
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Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform Members of the legislative requirements on dual language signage requests in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) NI Order 1995 – Article 11.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>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 .</p> <p>The policy for Street Naming and Dual Language Signage as adopted by Council in March 2017 forms the basis for considering requests expressing the name in a language other than English, to both existing and new streets.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Upon receipt of requests for dual language signage, the details of the individuals are checked with the Electoral Registry Office to confirm the request is from a registered citizen on that street /road. Once the application has been validated in accordance with Council Policy an information report is brought to the next meeting of the Environment Committee.
3.2	The question was raised as to why the name and address details of the requestor are withheld. In accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) NI Order 1995 – Article 11, the Council must give consideration to and process requests for dual language signage. The Council policy outlines the mechanism by which this is delivered. There is no legislative requirement within the legislation which specifically requires the requestor's name and address to be identified.
3.3	Legal advice has confirmed that under the Data Protection Act 1998 personal data must not be disclosed to anyone other than the data subject , unless by consent or it is a registered disclosure required by law. As there is no statutory obligation on Council to disclose the name and address details of the requestor, any disclosure would be in breach of Data Protection legislation and leave Council open to challenge and potential formal action .

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: N/A Human: N/A
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> N/A
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Members note the content of the report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	N/A