

<b>Report on</b>	Dual Language Signage Requests
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Terry Scullion, AD Property Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	P J Fox, Building Control Development Manager, and Colm Currie, Senior Building Control Officer

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	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To inform Members of requests for Dual Language Signage from residents on the streets/roads in question, and seek members consideration on an application.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
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.
2.3	In accordance with the Policy as adopted, the Environment Committee will be informed of requests which have been validated and are proceeding to survey in the normal way.
2.4	Following the February Council meeting in respect of the dual language survey for the Rossmore Road, Dungannon it was agreed it be brought back to the March Environment Committee in open business for decision and that Council delegate authority to the Environment Committee to process any decisions.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The Building Control Service within the Environment Directorate have received valid letters signed by the occupiers of the streets below requesting signage to be erected in a second language being "Irish" in each case adjacent to the nameplate in English as follows: -  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Torrent Valley, Coalisland,</li> <li>2. Clarke Avenue, Maghera, and</li> <li>3. Rossmore Road, Dungannon</li> </ol>
3.2	The occupiers signing the requests in these cases have been confirmed as residents of their particular street which has been evidenced by their listing on the current Electoral Register as required in accordance with the Policy as adopted,

	see letters of request attached in Appendix 1-3. It should be noted that neither Torrent Valley, Coalisland and Clarke Avenue, Maghera have been previously surveyed are for members to note both requests.
3.3	In respect of the request for Rossmore Road, Dungannon, Members consideration is required. It should be noted the Rossmore Road, Dungannon has been subject of a dual language survey following a request in 2021 and in 2023.
3.4	Members will be aware of the administration errors associated with the most recent survey, however communication to occupiers of the properties who had taken part in the survey were provided with the correct survey outturn based on the collection of all survey results received. As members will also be aware the policy is silent on procedure and processes to be followed if an error in administration occurs.
3.5	Members consideration is now requested in respect of the latest survey request(s) received for the Rossmore Road, Dungannon.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: Within Current Resources
	Human: Within Current Resources
	Risk Management: None
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	That Members note the content of this report, and members consideration is sought in respect of the most recent survey request for Rossmore Road, Dungannon.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1 – Policy for Dual Language Nameplate Signage
6.2	Appendix 2 - Letter received from a resident of Torrent Valley, Coalisland
6.3	Appendix 3 - Letter received from a resident of Clarke Avenue, Maghera
6.4	Appendix 4 – Letter received from a resident of Rossmore Road, Dungannon