

<b>Report on</b>	Dual Language Signage Surveys
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Terry Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Colm Currie, Principal Building Control Officer

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To advise Members on the result of surveys undertaken on all applicable residents on the streets/roads in response to Dual Language Signage Nameplate requests.
<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 Street Naming and Dual Language Signage – Section 6.0, 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, all occupiers as listed on the Electoral Register residing on the streets/roads as noted below were canvassed, by post seeking their views on the request to erect dual-language street nameplates in the Irish Language as requested in each case.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The Building Control Service within the Environment Directorate issued occupiers of the undernoted street, correspondence seeking their views on the request to erect a dual-language street nameplate.
3.2	Completed surveys were received by the return date and the outcome is as follows:

Name of Street	Bunowen Drive, Coalisland
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	20/09/2022
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	11/10/2022
Surveys Issued	14/10/2022
Surveys returned by	11/11/2022
Survey Letters Issued	4
Survey Letters Returned	0
Replies in Favour	0
Replies not in Favour	0
Invalid	0
Valid Returns	0
Percentage in Favour	N/A

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers indicate that they are in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Bunowen Drive, Coalisland will not be approved or erected.

Name of Street	Farm Lodge Lane, Magherafelt
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	20/09/2022
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	11/10/2022
Surveys Issued	14/10/2022
Surveys returned by	11/11/2022
Survey Letters Issued	104
Survey Letters Returned	75
Replies in Favour	64
Replies not in Favour	10
Invalid	1
Valid Returns	74
Percentage in Favour	86%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers indicate that they are in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Farm Lodge Lane, Magherafelt will be erected

Name of Street	Ardmoneen Court, Magherafelt
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	20/09/2022
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	11/10/2022
Surveys Issued	14/10/2022
Surveys returned by	11/11/2022
Survey Letters Issued	30
Survey Letters Returned	16
Replies in Favour	16
Replies not in Favour	0
Invalid	0
Valid Returns	16
Percentage in Favour	100%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers indicate that they are in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Ardmoneen Court, Magherafelt will be erected.

Name of Street	Aghnagar Road, Dungannon
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	20/09/2022
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	11/10/2022
Surveys Issued	14/10/2022
Surveys returned by	11/11/2022
Survey Letters Issued	118
Survey Letters Returned	52
Replies in Favour	47
Replies not in Favour	4
Invalid	1
Valid Returns	51
Percentage in Favour	92%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers indicate that they are in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Aghnagar Road, Dungannon will be erected.

<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 result of the survey for application of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish for the street as detailed below.
5.2	Where more than 51 % of occupiers that respond indicated that they were in favour of the erection of a dual language signage, nameplates will be erected. <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> <b>1. Farm Lodge Lane, Magherafelt</b>  <b>2. Ardmoneen Court, Magherafelt</b>  <b>3. Aghnagar Road, Dungannon</b> </p> <p>Where more than 51 % of occupiers of the street as noted below did not respond to indicate that they were in favour of the erection of a dual-language street nameplate, then the dual language nameplate will not be erected</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>1. Bunowen Drive, Coalisland</b></p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1 – Dual Language Nameplate Translation for each street/road