

<b>Report on</b>	Internal Bi-lingual Signage Mid Ulster District Council Facilities
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>  If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	Yes	
	No	X

1.0	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update members on the new bi-lingual signage for Mid Ulster District Council facilities accessed by the public.
2.0	<b>Background</b>
2.1	The Mid Ulster District Council Irish Language Policy was approved and adopted by Council in December 2015.
2.2	Guiding Principle 7 of the Irish Language Policy: <i>Visibility Of Irish</i> , states that Mid Ulster District Council will “devise a phased implementation plan for the erection of English and Irish Internal and external signage on all Mid Ulster District Council owned properties”.
3.0	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	To date Technical Services in conjunction with Culture & Arts and Irish Language Officers are tasked with the delivery of 34Nr buildings with bi-lingual signage over the year 2022-2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works have progressed with 10Nr council properties completed with a further 3nr in the final stage of sign off.</li> <li>• An additional 3nr facilities have been surveyed with the first draft under review. Once final proofs have been agreed, installation will then take place.</li> <li>• Following on from our last report meeting, new signage for urban / rural walkways has been proposed with this nearing final sign off. Discussions have taken place with council representatives as well as the corporate policy and equality officer to ensure that the needs of all has been met. As this was in design, no urban / rural walkway signage has yet been installed.</li> </ul>
3.2	The current process includes the following steps for each of the MUDC Properties; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Site visit with signage company to assess extent of the works.</li> <li>2. Draft layout of signs provided by signage company.</li> </ol>

3. Draft to be reviewed by Irish Language Officer.
4. Signage company to make changes as advised by Irish Language Officer and Technical Services staff.
5. Signage company to send final draft with costings as per tender.
6. Final sign off by Technical Services.
7. Installation of approved signs.

3.3 The following below are a list of the council buildings / facilities with bi-lingual signage installed to date;

**Signage Installed to Date- November 2022**

Dungannon Leisure Centre	2 floors + External
Moneymore Recreation Centre	2 floors + External
Ballyronan Marina	External
Roundlake, Fivemiletown	1 floor + External
Burnavon	2 floors + External
Davagh Forest	1 floor + External
Pomeroy Forest	External
Knockmanny Forest	External
Maghera LC	Internal + External
Dungannon Leisure Centre (Additional)	Internal
Gardeners Hall, Dungannon	2 floors + External

3.4 The following below are facilities that are in final sign off stage with translations checked and installation expected in the next 4 weeks.

**Proposed Signage- December 2022**

Magherafelt Council Offices	3 floors + External
Dungannon Council Offices	3 floors + External
Dungannon Park	3 Buildings + External

3.5 The following facilities below have had site inspections with first drafts under review. It is anticipated that they will be installed in January 2023.

**Proposed Signage- January 2023**

Hill of O'Neill	2 floors + External
Greenvale Leisure Centre	2 floors + External
Meadowbank Leisure Centre	2 floors + External

3.6 Once the above have been complete, the following council locations below will be the next to be carried out;

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<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>				
<b>4.1</b>	<p><b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b></p> <p>Financial: Within current budget frameworks</p> <p>Human: N/A</p> <p>Risk Management: N/A</p>				
<b>4.2</b>	<p><b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b></p> <p>Equality &amp; Good Relations Implications:</p> <p>Equality and Good Relations Implications were considered as part of the development of the Irish Language Policy.</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: N/A</p>				
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>				
5.1	To update members on the progress of new bi-lingual signage for Mid Ulster District Council with members of the public being informed.				
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>				
6.1	<p>Appendix 1 - Delivery Programme 2022 – 2023.</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Signage Installed to date.</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Proposed Urban / Rural Walkway Signage</p>				