

Report on	Dual Language Signage Survey
Date of Meeting	13 th November 2018
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
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.
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 Street Naming and Dual Language Signage – Section 6.0, as adopted (See Appendix 1) forms the basis for considering requests expressing the name in a language other than English, to both existing and new streets.
2.3	Members had previously agreed to canvass, by post, all occupiers as listed on the Electoral Register residing on the streets/roads as noted below seeking their views on the request to erect dual-language street nameplates in the Irish Language as requested in each case.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Building Control Service within the Public Health and Infrastructure Directorate issued occupiers of the undernoted streets, correspondence seeking their views on the request to erect a dual-language street nameplate. Completed surveys were received by the return date and the outcome is as follows in each case:

3.2

Name of Street	Greenvale Drive, Cookstown
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	18/04/2018
Survey Request Approved by Environment Committee	08/05/2018
Surveys Issued	22/08/2018
Surveys returned by	19/09/2018
Survey Letters Issued	133
Survey Letters Returned	45
Replies in Favour	40
Replies not in Favour	0
Invalid	5
Valid Returns	40
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, then the Members are requested to consider to permit or not permit the erection of the dual language nameplates at Greenvale Drive, Cookstown.

3.3

Name of Street	Blackrock Road, Cookstown
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	14/02/2018
Survey Request Approved by Environment Committee	13/03/2018
Surveys Issued	22/08/2018
Surveys returned by	19/09/2018
Survey Letters Issued	86
Survey Letters Returned	46
Replies in Favour	42
Replies not in Favour	2
Invalid	2
Valid Returns	44
Percentage in Favour	95%

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3.4

Name of Street	Hall Lane, Knockcloghrim
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	28/02/2018
Survey Request Approved by Environment Committee	10/04/2018
Surveys Issued	22/08/2018
Surveys returned by	19/09/2018
Survey Letters Issued	56
Survey Letters Returned	22
Replies in Favour	22
Replies not in Favour	0
Invalid	0
Valid Returns	22
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, then the Members are requested to consider to permit or not permit the erection of the dual language nameplates at Hall Lane, Knockcloghrim.

3.5

Name of Street	Tullagh View, Cookstown
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	13/03/2018
Survey Request Approved by Environment Committee	10/04/2018
Surveys Issued	31/08/2018
Surveys returned by	28/09/2018
Survey Letters Issued	58
Survey Letters Returned	25
Replies in Favour	22
Replies not in Favour	3
Invalid	0
Valid Returns	25
Percentage in Favour	88%

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, then the Members are requested to consider to permit or not permit the erection of the dual language nameplates at Tullagh View, Cookstown.

3.6

Name of Street	Gortalowry Park, Cookstown
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	13/04/2018
Survey Request Approved by Environment Committee	08/05/2018
Surveys Issued	31/08/2018
Surveys returned by	28/09/2018
Survey Letters Issued	106
Survey Letters Returned	38
Replies in Favour	33
Replies not in Favour	0
Invalid	5
Valid Returns	33
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, then the Members are requested to consider to permit or not permit the erection of the dual language nameplates at Gortalowry Park, Cookstown.

3.7

Name of Street	Drummuck Road, Maghera
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	12/04/2018
Survey Request Approved by Environment Committee	08/05/2018
Surveys Issued	31/08/2018
Surveys returned by	28/09/2018
Survey Letters Issued	57
Survey Letters Returned	33
Replies in Favour	6
Replies not in Favour	27
Invalid	0
Valid Returns	33
Percentage in Favour	18%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers indicate that they are not in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, then the Members are requested to consider that the dual language street nameplate is not approved or erected at Drummuck Road, Maghera.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Within Current Resources
	Human: Within Current Resources
	Risk Management: None
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Members note the results of the surveys and agree the application of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish for the streets/roads as noted below:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greenvale Drive, Cookstown 2. Blackrock Road, Cookstown 3. Hall Lane, Knockcloghrim 4. Tullagh View, Cookstown 5. Gortalowry Park, Cookstown
5.2	That Members note the results of the survey and do not approve the application of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish for the street/road as noted below:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drummuck Road, Maghera
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Street Naming and Dual Language Signage – Section 6.0 : Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy
6.2	Appendix 2 – Dual Language Nameplate Translation for each street/road