

<b>Report on</b>	Dual Language Signage Surveys
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	14 February 2023
<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>	Yes	
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<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 streets, 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	Shanmoy Downs, Eglish
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	02/11/2022
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	08/11/2022
Surveys Issued	06/12/2022
Surveys returned by	03/01/2023
Survey Letters Issued	7
Survey Letters Returned	5
Replies in Favour	3
Replies not in Favour	0
Invalid	2
Valid Returns	3
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 Shanmoy Downs, Eglish will be erected.

Name of Street	Castle Drive, Caledon
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	07/11/2022
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	05/12/2022
Surveys Issued	06/12/2022
Surveys returned by	03/01/2023
Survey Letters Issued	34
Survey Letters Returned	7
Replies in Favour	4
Replies not in Favour	2
Invalid	1
Valid Returns	6
Percentage in Favour	67%

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 Castle Drive, Caledon will be erected.

Name of Street	The Oaks, Magherafelt
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	30/11/2022
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	05/12/2022
Surveys Issued	06/12/2022
Surveys returned by	03/01/2023
Survey Letters Issued	99
Survey Letters Returned	47
Replies in Favour	33
Replies not in Favour	10
Invalid	4
Valid Returns	43
Percentage in Favour	77%

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 The Oaks, Magherafelt will be erected.

Name of Street	Flax Lane, Magherafelt
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	30/11/2022
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	05/12/2022
Surveys Issued	06/12/2022
Surveys returned by	03/01/2023
Survey Letters Issued	3
Survey Letters Returned	3
Replies in Favour	3
Replies not in Favour	0
Invalid	0
Valid Returns	3
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 Flax Lane, Magherafelt will be erected.

#### **4.0 Other Considerations**

#### **4.1 Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications**

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.  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Shanmoy Downs, Eglish</b></li> <li>2. <b>Castle Drive, Caledon</b></li> <li>3. <b>The Oaks, Magherafelt</b></li> <li>4. <b>Flax Lane, Magherafelt</b></li> </ol>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1 – Dual Language Nameplate Translation for each street/road