

<b>Report on</b>	Dual Language Signage Surveys
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Terry Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services
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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

<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 (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	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.
2.4	It should also be noted that the Electoral Office 'counter' is currently not permitting access to members of the public including Officers of the Council due to Covid-19 restrictions. However, with the easing of restrictions access is expected in the coming weeks.
<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 in each case:

Name of Street	Dunroe Road, Augher
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	23/06/2021
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	14/09/2021
Surveys Issued	25/11/2021
Surveys returned by	23/12/2021
Survey Letters Issued	112
Survey Letters Returned	45
Replies in Favour	41
Replies not in Favour	2
Invalid	2
Valid Returns	43
Percentage in Favour	95%

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 Dunroe Road, Augher will be erected.

Name of Street	Favour Royal Road, Augher
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	08/07/2021
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	14/09/2021
Surveys Issued	25/11/2021
Surveys returned by	23/12/2021
Survey Letters Issued	206
Survey Letters Returned	65
Replies in Favour	34
Replies not in Favour	26
Invalid	5
Valid Returns	60
Percentage in Favour	57%

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Name of Street	Annaghilla Road, Augher
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	08/07/2021
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	14/09/2021
Surveys Issued	07/12/2021
Surveys returned by	04/01/2022
Survey Letters Issued	66

Survey Letters Returned	38
Replies in Favour	7
Replies not in Favour	29
Invalid	2
Valid Returns	36
Percentage in Favour	19%

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 Annaghilla Road, Augher will not be approved or erected

Name of Street	Draperstown Road, Desertmartin
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	23/06/2021
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	14/09/2021
Surveys Issued	25/11/2021
Surveys returned by	23/12/2021
Survey Letters Issued	61
Survey Letters Returned	26
Replies in Favour	15
Replies not in Favour	3
Invalid	8
Valid Returns	18
Percentage in Favour	83%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers did not indicate that they were in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Draperstown Road, Desertmartin will be erected.

Name of Street	Ridgewood Avenue, Moy
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	29/06/2021
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	14/09/2021
Surveys Issued	25/11/2021
Surveys returned by	23/12/2021
Survey Letters Issued	34
Survey Letters Returned	14
Replies in Favour	13
Replies not in Favour	0
Invalid	1
Valid Returns	13
Percentage in Favour	100%

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<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 results of the surveys for application of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish for the streets/roads 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="text-align: center;"> <b>1. Dunroe Road, Augher</b>  <b>2. Favour Royal Road, Augher</b>  <b>3. Draperstown Road, Desertmartin</b>  <b>4. Ridgewood Avenue, Moy</b> </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
5.3	1. <b>Annaghilla Road, Augher</b>

<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1 – Dual Language Nameplate Translation for each street/road