

Report on	Dual Language Signage Surveys
Date of Meeting	12 th January 2021
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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 Dual Language Nameplate Signage – 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.
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	Cloneen Manor
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	07/09/2020
Environment Committee informed of survey request	13/10/2020
Surveys Issued	23/10/2020
Surveys returned by	20/11/2020
Survey Letters Issued	48
Survey Letters Returned	21
Replies in Favour	15
Replies not in Favour	4
Invalid	2
Valid Returns	19
Percentage in Favour	79%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where 51% (rounded to the nearest whole number) of occupiers that responded, indicated that they were in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Cloneen Manor, Maghera will be erected.

3.3

Name of Street	Cloneen Avenue
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	08/09/2020
Environment Committee informed of survey request	13/10/2020
Surveys Issued	23/10/2020
Surveys returned by	20/11/2020
Survey Letters Issued	9
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, as there were no respondents to the Dual Language Survey request, there was no indication of preference by occupiers in relation to signage being provided, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Cloneen Avenue, Dungannon will not be approved or erected.

3.4

Name of Street	Drumglass Way
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	08/09/2020
Environment Committee informed of survey request	13/10/2020
Surveys Issued	23/10/2020
Surveys returned by	20/11/2020
Survey Letters Issued	108
Survey Letters Returned	14
Replies in Favour	6
Replies not in Favour	6
Invalid	2
Valid Returns	12
Percentage in Favour	50%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where 51% (rounded to the nearest whole number) of occupiers that responded, indicated that they were not in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Drumglass Way, Dungannon will not be approved or erected.

3.5

Name of Street	Seagrave Terrace
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	10/09/2020
Environment Committee informed of survey request	13/10/2020
Surveys Issued	23/10/2020
Surveys returned by	20/11/2020
Survey Letters Issued	6
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 51% (rounded to the nearest whole number) of occupiers that responded, indicated that they were in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Seagrave Terrace, Coalisland will be erected

3.6

Name of Street	Bawn View
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	24/09/2020
Environment Committee informed of survey request	13/10/2020
Surveys Issued	23/10/2020
Surveys returned by	20/11/2020
Survey Letters Issued	10
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 51% (rounded to the nearest whole number) of occupiers that responded, indicated that they were in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Bawn View, Bellaghy will be erected.

3.7

Name of Street	Upperlands Road
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	24/09/2020
Environment Committee informed of survey request	13/10/2020
Surveys Issued	23/10/2020
Surveys returned by	20/11/2020
Survey Letters Issued	47
Survey Letters Returned	25
Replies in Favour	25
Replies not in Favour	0
Invalid	0
Valid Returns	25
Percentage in Favour	100%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where 51% (rounded to the nearest whole number) of occupiers that responded, indicated that they were in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Upperlands Road, Swatragh 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
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 for application of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish for the streets/roads as detailed below.
5.2	Where 51% (rounded to nearest whole number) of occupiers of the streets as noted below, responded to indicate that they were in favour of the erection of a dual language signage, nameplates will be erected. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Cloneen Manor, Maghera 2 Seagrave Terrace, Coalisland 3 Bawn View, Bellaghy 4 Upperlands Road, Swatragh
5.3	Where more than 51% (rounded to nearest whole number) of occupiers of the street as noted below responded to indicate that they were not in favour of the erection of a dual-language street nameplate, then the dual language nameplate will not be erected. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cloneen Avenue, Dungannon 2. Drumglass Way, Dungannon
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Dual Language Nameplate Translation for each street/road.