

Report on	Dual Language Signage Requests
Date of Meeting	9 th November 2021
Reporting Officer	William Wilkinson

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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To advise Members of requests for Dual Language Signage from residents on the streets/roads in question.
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, the Environment Committee will be informed of requests which have been validated and are proceeding to survey.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Building Control Service within the Public Health and Infrastructure Directorate have received valid letters signed by occupiers of the street in each case requesting signage to be erected in a second language being “Irish” in each case adjacent to the nameplate in English as follows:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gortmanor Drive, Coalisland (see Appendix 1) 2. Killymeal Grange, Dungannon (see Appendix 2)
3.2	The occupiers signing the requests in each case have been confirmed as residents of their particular street which has been evidenced by their listing on the current Electoral Register as required in accordance with the Policy as adopted (see letters of request attached in Appendices 1-4).
3.3	It should also be noted that the Electoral Office are now permitting access to members of the Public including Officers of the Council for 60 minutes per visit. In addition, the time required to gain the necessary information has increased considerably due to the number of individuals which have been added to the Electoral Register in September. The September addendum of the Electoral

	Register has in the region of 1500 additional pages of names to be checked in terms of the up to date occupiers which are to be surveyed. As a result, applications are being now being processed at a much slower rate due to the limited access.
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 content of this report
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Letter received from a resident of Gortmanor Drive, Coalisland
6.2	Appendix 2 – Letter received from a resident of Killymeal Grange, Dungannon