

<b>Report on</b>	Review of Policy on Dual Language Nameplate Signage
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	William Wilkinson

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To advise Members on the review of the Policy on Dual Language Nameplate Signage.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	The Dual Language Nameplate Signage Policy has been in place since March 2019. Previous to March 2019, the Street Naming and Dual Language Signage Policy was in place from March 2017 to March 2019.
2.2	The policies as adopted have formed the basis for processing all requests for dual language nameplate signage since their introduction in March 2017.
2.3	A report on the Review of the Dual Language Nameplate Signage was considered by the Environment Committee on 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 with a number of issues highlighted for consideration by the Members.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	As a result of consideration by Members, in relation to the review of the Dual Language Signage Policy, the Policy as attached (see Appendix 1) will form the basis for processing all Dual Language Nameplate Signage requests which are received by Mid Ulster District Council when approved.
3.2	It should be noted in Paragraph 10.1 of the Policy that the Monitoring and Review Arrangements has been amended in line with updated Council Policy and a formal review of the Policy will be undertaken 4 years from date of approval.
3.3	In relation to the legal opinion which was requested regarding the positioning of a second language on signage. It has been noted by the Council Solicitor that Council has the discretion under the legislation to erect the signage 'in such a manner as the Council thinks fit' to do so.
3.4	In accordance with the Council's Equality Scheme the reviewed Policy has screened for "Equality and Good Relations" – see Appendix 2.

3.5	In addition a “Rural Needs Impact Assessment – RNIA” has been carried out in accordance with the Councils requirement to ensure compliance with “Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016” – see Appendix 3.
<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: As detailed above – see Appendix 2.  As a result of Equality & Good Relations Screening, a minor Good Relation mitigation has been identified. The screening recommends that this is considered via the Council’s Good Relations Working Group.
	Rural Needs Implications: As detailed above – see Appendix 3.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	That members note the content of this report and approve the “Policy on Dual Language Nameplate Signage” as reviewed – see Appendix 1.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1 – Policy on Dual Language Nameplate Signage
6.2	Appendix 2 – Equality and Good Relations screening report on Policy
6.3	Appendix 3 – Rural Needs Impact Assessment on Policy