

Title of Report: Street Naming & Property Numbering – Request for Installation of Bilingual Signage	Officer Presenting: Head of Capital Development & Building Control Author: Head of Capital Development & Building Control
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 To inform Members of the outcome of recent applications to provide bilingual signage at Belldoo, Fountain Street, Mourne Manor & The Paddock Strabane and Ballynagard Crescent & Hatmore Park L/Derry.
- 1.2 Members will be aware that following the recent notice of motion to Council, officers are currently developing a revised policy on bilingual signage, which will be brought before Members as soon as is possible.

2 Background

- 2.1 Applications have been received by Council in respect of bilingual signage for the following streets:
 - Belldoo, Strabane
 - Fountain Street, Strabane
 - Mourne Manor, Strabane
 - The Paddock, Strabane
 - Ballynagard Crescent, L/Derry
 - Hatmore Park, L/Derry

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 In accordance with Council's current policy on Street Naming and Postal Numbering, 2.4.1.2, Council has undertaken a plebiscite in each of these streets and the following results were obtained:

Street/Road	Number of addresses included in survey	Number of addresses that returned survey forms	Number of eligible occupiers who returned survey forms	% of those occupiers who responded who wanted bilingual signage	% of those occupiers who responded who did not want bilingual signage
Belldoo	148	65	122	95%	5%
Fountain Street	22	4	6	100%	0%
Mourne Manor	25	5	5	100%	0%
The Paddock	19	10	18	100%	0%
Ballynagard Crescent	54	22	32	65%	35%
Hatmore Park	106	40	78	91%	9%

3.2 In accordance with Derry City and Strabane District Council's Policy on Street Naming and Property Numbering, the plebiscities of Belldoo, Fountain Street, Mourne Manor & The Paddock, Strabane and Hatmore Park, L/Derry achieved the minimum consent threshold of 67% required for bilingual signage to be considered by Council.

3.3 Members had inquired about the process of checking the electoral register. Following consultation with Council's Legal Services Department, officers can confirm that officers refer to the most up to date version of the electoral register that is available, in order to confirm residency.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement, Rural Needs and other Implications

4.1 There are no financial or other implications to Council.

5 Recommendations

5.1 Given the outcome of the plebiscite, Members are asked to approve the erection of bi-lingual street signage at **Belldoo, Fountain Street, Mourne Manor & The Paddock, Strabane** and **Hatmore Park, L/Derry**.