

<b>STREET NAME PLATES</b>	<b>7 August 2018</b>
<b>TO: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>	
<b>FOR DECISION</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Protecting and enhancing our environments and assets
<b>Outcome</b>	Visual consistency of street name plates to include Townland
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Head of Estates
<b>Cost:</b> (If applicable)	Approximately additional £25/£40 per sign depending on option adopted

## **Background**

Following a notice of motion at the Environmental Services Committee meeting on 1 May 2018 it was agreed that a report would be brought back with full costings to add townland names to all road and street signs across the Borough.

As well as the responsibility for street naming and postal numbering (The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) (NI) Order 1995), Council provide and erect street signage. Historically there has been variation in the approach by legacy councils to the type and layout of signs (eg black on white, white on black, border/no border etc)

## **Detail**

A Research Paper produced in 2009 on behalf of the NI Assembly confirmed that all 4 legacy councils supported the retention and use of townland names. This is in keeping with Council's policy on 'Street Naming and Property Numbering' which gives preference to "names which can provide a social, historical, geographical or topographical link to the characteristics of the area". For example, Limavady Borough Council introduced separate Townland name signs (**see attached example A in the appendix**).

Council may wish to consider this approach throughout Causeway Coast & Glens Borough. Individual signs cost approximately £60 each (+ £40 to erect) depending on lettering. No official records exist on numbers but it is conceivable that there may be more than 10,000 street/road name plates in the borough. Cost to supply additional signage at each location would be in the region of £1million. Another option would be

to replace the existing signs incorporating the townland name (as per example B or C). This option would incur additional cost (approx. £30/sign) due to the increase number of characters on each sign. However, given the extensive number of road/street name signs and the cost of the signs Council may want to consider a phased approach over say, 20 years.

Officers will also need to be given direction on design eg. colour of lettering

### **Recommendation**

Council are asked to approve either:

A. the addition of townland name plates (example A) at each location at a cost of £100 each (Total approx. £1million). This to be phased over, say, 20 years at an annual cost of £50,000

Or

B. replacement of existing signs to incorporate townland names (example B or C) at a cost of £130 each (Total £1.3 million). This to be phased over, say, 20 years at an annual cost of £65,000

Council continue to adhere to its existing policy on bilingual signs.



Example A - "Limavady" Option



Typical Street Sign



Proposed Street Sign Layout - Example B



Proposed Street Sign Layout - Example C