

GAELIC LANGUAGE PLAN MONITORING REPORT 2022-23

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report updates members on progress that the Council is making on the delivery of our statutory Gaelic Language Plan. It presents data as required by Bòrd na Gàidhlig for their annual return, with both narrative and numerical information. The monitoring information covers all services involved in delivering Gaelic Language Plan actions.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This report updates members on progress that the Council is making on the delivery of our statutory Gaelic Language Plan. It presents data as required by Bòrd na Gàidhlig for their annual return, with both narrative and numerical information. The monitoring information covers all services involved in delivering Gaelic Language Plan actions.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Committee are asked to consider the good progress that is being made in relation to the Council's Gaelic Language Plan.

GAELIC LANGUAGE PLAN MONITORING REPORT

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 The Council has a statutory duty under the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 to develop and deliver a Gaelic Language Plan. The Council's current plan runs from 2022-2026.
- 4.2 The Plan aligns with the National Gaelic Language Plan and has been subject to approval by Bòrd na Gàidhlig, the principal public body in Scotland responsible for promoting Gaelic development and who also advise Scottish Ministers.
- 4.3 The Council delivers the plan using both internal resources and also grant funding from Bòrd na Gàidhlig, which is made specifically available to support Gaelic Language Plan delivery and development. Officers are in the process of applying for a 3-year grant to support plan delivery.
- 4.4 A number of Council services are involved in delivering actions relating to the Gaelic Language Plan including Education, Development and Economic Growth, Community Planning and Development and Communications as well as Roads and Infrastructure Services and Property Services.
- 4.5 The progress report attached provides detail as required by Bòrd na Gàidhlig in the form of their standard report template. It gives details on the wide range of activities that the Council is involved in to support the Gaelic Language in Argyll and Bute. The Council's role spans both direct delivery and the facilitation, support and enabling of community groups and members who have an interest in Gaelic.
- 4.6 The Council manages an active Gaelic Forum Facebook group that continues to attract members and is open to all. Members who are interested can find the group on Facebook.
- 4.7 A cross service officer group meets on a regular basis to share updates and monitor progress on the actions in the plan.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 The Council is making good progress in delivering its statutory Gaelic Language Plan.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy - Report relates to current policy and our Gaelic Language Plan.

6.2 Financial - None directly from this report.

6.3 Legal – Annual progress reporting ensures compliance with the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005.

6.4 HR

6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:

6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics – No negative impacts identified from the Plan EQSEIA

6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty – No negative impacts identified from the Plan EQSEIA

6.5.3 Islands – No negative impacts from the Plan EQSEIA.

6.6 Climate Change – None directly from this report.

6.7 Risk – Annual reporting mitigates the risk of failing to comply with statutory duty.

6.8 Customer Service – We provide customer service response in Gaelic as part of the plan.

6.9 The Rights of the Child (UNCRC) – None directly from this report.

Kirsty Flanagan, Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support Services

Jim Lynch, Depute Policy Lead for Economic Development, Housing, Communities and Islands

For further information contact:

Jane Fowler, Head of Customer Support Services
jane.fowler@argyll-bute.gov.uk

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Argyll and Bute Council Gaelic Language Monitoring Report 2022-23