

CONSULTATION ON DRAFT GAELIC EDUCATION GUIDANCE

1. **Do you agree that local authorities should be required to develop a policy statement to guide the development of Gaelic Medium Education in their area?**

Yes

2. **Are there any issues beyond those set out in the draft guidance which local authorities should have regard to when developing that policy statement?**

Yes, authorities should be required to develop a policy statement to guide the development of Gaelic Medium Education in their area. This policy will be a working document, subject to amendment, as Gaelic Medium Education and Gaelic Learning evolves in the community and as recommendations emerge from the Gaelic Language Bill.

Communications / Leaflets which promote Gaelic Medium Education should be accessible in all pre-five establishments in the local authority. Headteachers / Senior Management of all East Dunbartonshire Primary schools, at the time of enrolment, should communicate to all parents / carers, details of a child's entitlement to Gaelic Education

Measures to support pupils and teachers should be addressed in accordance with the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Act 2000, and with the McCrone agreement.

Further support should be given to the promotion of Gaelic Learning in the Primary School (GLPS), to emulate Modern Languages in the Primary School model (MLPS).

Where possible, enhancement should be made in the Gaelic curriculum delivery at secondary school level, to improve primary / secondary curricular articulation, with in-built sustainability factors.

3. **Should standardisation to reporting on the development of Gaelic Medium Education under the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Act 2000 be introduced?**

Yes, at present, local authorities report as to how well parental requests for Gaelic Medium Education are met. Local authorities should be consistent in their responses to this, using the vehicle of the local authority's Statement of Improvement Objectives, in order to report on the impact of their targets

4. **Are there any issues beyond those set out in the draft guidance which local authorities should have regard to when reporting on Gaelic Medium Education under the 2000 Act?**

Yes, A statement on how GME impacts on all five National Priorities

5. **Should the draft guidance apply only to those local authorities in receipt of Specific Grant for the development of Gaelic Medium Education?**



No, other authorities must also demonstrate how they are endeavouring to ensure the continued growth and improvement of Gaelic Medium Education in Scotland.

6. Should Bòrd na Gàidhlig have access to the reports produced by local authorities under the 2000 Act?

Yes, and vice-versa. Local authorities should be able to access easily the Bòrd's reports.

7. Are there any further issues which you consider should be addressed in this draft guidance?

The continuous need to look at strategies to promote the study of Gaelic in our teacher training colleges / universities.