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Dear Sir/Madam

### Gaelic Language Bill

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the above Bill. I offer the following in response to the questions set out in the document.

The Council supports the propositions set out in Questions One to Four.

**Question Five** : Are there any matters beyond those in Section 5(5) of the draft Bill, that public bodies should have regard to in determining whether to prepare a Gaelic language plan?

**Response** : While it will be appropriate to have regard to "...any representations made to the public body ...." as stated in Section 5(5)(c), it would be legitimate to consider the number and quality of representations before a decision was made regarding the appropriateness of producing a Gaelic language plan.

**Question Six** : Should public bodies be required to consider whether it is appropriate to prepare and publish a Gaelic language plan describing the services they will offer in Gaelic?

**Response** : A permissive approach to the production of Gaelic language plans is to be welcomed. Given that the matters in Section 5(5) have been considered, it may be that a public body will not produce a plan and the Board's assessment will act as a safeguard. Should public bodies produce a Gaelic language plan, their activity could effectively be monitored by adapting existing systems and incorporated into any Equality and Diversity policies.

The assistance, advice and guidance described in Questions Seven and Eight would be essential to any public body producing a Gaelic language plan.

I hope you find these comments helpful.

Yours faithfully

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