

Amendment by the Green Group

Education, Children and Families Committee

24th January 2022

Item 4.1 – Gaelic Medium Education (GME) Statutory Consultation

Replaces 1.2 with new points below.

- 1.2 Agrees to continue the decision to proceed with a statutory consultation on the future of GME in Edinburgh to enable alternative options for secondary provision, including the option of the Royal Victoria Hospital site, to be fully explored with the Scottish Government.
- 1.3 Agrees to use the additional time to conduct further informal consultation with parents, carers and representative bodies, to ensure the specific educational needs of Gaelic are fully detailed in the statutory consultation.
- 1.4 Notes the level of concern that has been previously expressed in regards to transport to the GME secondary locations proposed in the report, and agrees that a review of active travel routes and a commitment to buses from primary schools does not cover those concerns. Therefore requests a transport assessment is progressed by officers to be included in the consultation.
- 1.5 Notes the concern expressed by some in the Gaelic community that Primary units are lacking in the immersion a Primary school can offer, which may suppress uptake in places, and therefore agrees to immediately begin work on detailed plans for the two standalone GME primary schools referred to in the report.

Moved by: Councillor Mary Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Susan Rae