

# Education, Children and Families Committee

10am, Tuesday 15 November 2022

## Appointments to the Gaelic Implementation Steering Group 2022/2023

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### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 To agree the proposed membership structure for the Gaelic Implementation Steering Group as set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 To appoint the membership of the Gaelic Implementation Steering Group for 2022/23 as set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.3 To appoint the Convener of the Gaelic Implementation Steering Group for 2022/23.

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# Report

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### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 The Education, Children and Families Committee is required to appoint the membership of the Gaelic Implementation Steering Group. The membership, remit and structure are detailed at Appendix 1.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 The appointments of committees, joint committees and joint boards is a reserved matter for full Council.

### 4. Main report

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- 4.1 The Committee is required to appoint the membership of the Gaelic Implementation Steering Group for 2022/23.
- 4.2 While there is no requirement for the membership of working groups to be proportionate to that of the Council, it is suggested that this is good practice. The proposed membership has therefore been adjusted to reflect the overall political balance on the Council. It is, however, open to the Committee to alter the membership where it feels this is warranted.
- 4.3 Along with the membership, the Committee is asked to appoint the Convener of the Steering Group.
- 4.4 The membership, remit and structure are set out at Appendix 1. In consultation with senior officers, the remit of the Steering Group has been adjusted to better reflect the current challenges discussed by the Group.

### 5. Next Steps

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- 5.1 Not applicable.

### 6. Financial impact

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- 6.1 Not applicable.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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7.1 None.

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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8.1 [Minute of the Policy and Sustainability Committee of 6 October 2020](#)

8.2 [Minute of Policy and Sustainability Committee of 23 February 2021](#)

8.3 [Minute of the City of Edinburgh Council of 24 June 2021](#)

8.4 [Review of Political Management Arrangements – report by the Chief Executive](#)

## **9. Appendices**

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9.1 Appendix 1 – Gaelic Implementation Steering Group - Membership and Remit

## Gaelic Implementation Steering Group

### Gaelic Implementation Steering Group

#### Membership

##### 7 elected members

(Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee and 2 SNP members, 1 Labour member, 1 SLD member, 1 Green member, 1 Conservative member)

Councillor	Councillor
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#### City of Edinburgh Council Officer Support

- Education Senior Manager (early years, primary, secondary)
- Gaelic Officer
- Corporate Gaelic Development Officer
- Policy Unit
- Communications

#### Other Members

- Young persons' representative
- Parent/Carer representatives (James Gillespie's High School, Croileagan, Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce and Comann nam Pàrant)
- Head Teacher from Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce
- Head Teacher from James Gillespie's High School
- 1 community representative

#### Partner Organisations

- Òganan
- Scottish Government
- Bòrd na Gàidhlig
- Higher Education – Edinburgh University

## **1 Remit**

1.1 To support the implementation of Edinburgh's current Gaelic Language Plan (2018-2022) by:

- overseeing and providing constructive support and challenge to progress
- contributing to discussions on the prioritisation of next steps

1.2. To support the production of annual progress reports.

1.3. To support the development of future Gaelic Language Plans.

## **2 Meeting structure**

2.1 The Group will meet on a quarterly basis and meetings will be themed to ensure effective focus and scrutiny of progress across all three major areas of the Plan in the course of a year:

- Education
- Arts, culture and economy
- Corporate

**Last Met:** 8 February 2022

**Expected completion date:** to be reviewed in December 2022 (as part of the wider Political Management Arrangements review)