

<p>Freagairt Bhòrd na Gàidhlig airson Co-chomhairleachadh air Sgìre-sgoile airson Foghlam tron Ghàidhlig ann an Gleann Urchadain aig Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd.</p> <p>4mh An Gearran 2022</p>	<p>Bòrd na Gàidhlig's Response on the Highland Council Consultation on GME Catchment Area for Glen Urquhart.</p> <p>4th February 2022</p>
<p>1. Ro-ràdh</p> <p>Tha Bòrd na Gàidhlig a' cur fàilte air an iomairt gus sgìre-sgoile a chur air bhonn airson Foghlam tron Ghàidhlig ann an sgìre Gleann Urchadain. Tha am Bòrd ag aithneachadh gu bheil Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd a' gluasad gu sgìrean-sgoile airson FtG a stèidheachadh air feadh sgìre na Comhairle.</p> <p>Tha Am Plana Cànain Nàiseanta Gàidhlig 2018-23 agus an Stiùireadh Reachdail airson Foghlam Gàidhlig mar bhunait airson na freagairt seo. San Stiùireadh Reachdail, far a bheil barrachd mìneachaidh air na ceumannan seo, 's e bunait na cùise gun bu chòir adhartas is fàs a bhith air Foghlam tron Ghàidhlig.</p>	<p>1. Introduction</p> <p>Bòrd na Gàidhlig welcomes the initiative to establish a school catchment area for Gaelic Medium Education (GME) in the Glen Urquhart area. The Bòrd recognises that Highland Council is moving to the establishment of catchment areas where there is existing GME provision in the Council's area.</p> <p>The Statutory Guidance on Gaelic Education and the National Gaelic Language Plan 2018-23 form the basis for the Bòrd's response to this consultation. The Statutory Guidance, where there is further detail on the steps involved, has as its basis that GME should develop and grow.</p>
<p>2. Fiosrachadh sa Cho-chomhairleachadh</p> <p>Tha Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd ag ràdh gu bheil iad airson sgìre-sgoile a stèidheachadh airson nan adhbharan a leanas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tha an Stiùireadh Reachdail a' moladh gun tèid sin a chur air dòigh; • Tha mì-chinnt ann a thaobh sgìrean-sgoile airson FtG a tha a' ciallachadh nach eil pàrantan cinnteach am faigh iad FtG airson an cuid chloinne; agus • Tha cleachdadh aig a' Chomhairle gum bi iad a' libhrigeadh còmhaidh taobh a-staigh sgìre a tha reusanta agus gu h-àbhaisteach tha seo a' ciallachadh nas lugha de 15 mìltean airson 'turas gu sgoil'. 	<p>2. Consultation Information</p> <p>The Highland Council says they want to establish a catchment area for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Statutory Guidance recommends that one be developed; • There is lack of clarity for parents about the entitlement to GME for their children; and • The Council has used the practice of providing transport within a reasonable travelling distance and generally this has been understood to mean within 15 miles of the school.
<p>Moladh na Comhairle</p> <p>Tha Bòrd na Gàidhlig a 'toirt fa-near gu bheil planaichean ann airson Foghlam tro Ghàidhlig a leasachadh aig Àrd-sgoil Ghleann Urchadain. Tha Bòrd na Gàidhlig a 'cur taic ris an lèirsinn</p>	<p>3. Council Recommendation</p> <p>Bòrd notes that there are plans to develop Gaelic Medium Education at Glen Urquhart Secondary School. Bòrd na Gàidhlig supports</p>

<p>seo airson Foghlam tro Ghàidhlig an dà chuid aig ìre na h-àrd-sgoile agus bun-sgoile.</p> <p>Tha 3 bun-sgoiltean taobh a-staigh an ASG. ‘S e Bun-sgoil Ghleann Urchadain an aon tè a tha a’ tabhann FtG aig an ìre seo.</p> <p>Tha am pàipear a’ mìneachadh nan amannan siubhail agus nam mìltean eadar gach sgoil agus Bun-sgoil Ghleann Urchadain:</p> <p>BS Balnain – BS Ghleann Urchadain – 5.2 mìle, àm-siubhail 11 mionaidean</p> <p>BS Cannich Bridge – BS Ghleann Urchadain 13 mìle, àm-siubhail 22 mionaidean.</p> <p>Aig 8.1 tha a’ chomhairle ag ràdh nach eil iad an dùil gun toir an sgìre-sgoile buaidh air ullachaidhean còmhaidhail-sgoile:</p>	<p>this vision for Gaelic Medium at both primary and secondary stages</p> <p>There are 3 primary schools within the ASG. Glen Urquhart Primary is the only one to offer GME at the primary stage.</p> <p>The consultation paper lists the time and distance between each school and Glen Urquhart Primary School at 6.1:</p> <p><i>Balnain Primary – Glenurquhart Primary – 5.2 miles, 11 minutes travel time.</i></p> <p><i>Cannich Bridge Primary – Glenurquhart Primary – 13 miles, 22 minutes travel time</i></p> <p>At 8.1, the council states that they do not anticipate the proposed catchment area will impact school transport arrangements:</p> <p><i>The children attending GME at Glenurquhart PS from within the Glenurquhart PS catchment, who require school transport, utilise the same transport arrangements as those attending English Medium education. A parental transport contract exists for the one other pupil currently accessing GME. The Proposal is not expected to have any effects on these current transport arrangements</i></p>
<p>4. Stiùireadh Reachdail airson Foghlam Gàidhlig</p> <p>Tha an Stiùireadh Reachdail airson Foghlam Gàidhlig a’ moladh gun tèid sgìrean-sgoile a stèidheachadh airson sgoiltean far a bheil Foghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig (FtG) ri fhaighinn (Earrann 2.53 is 2.54).</p> <p>Sgìrean-sgoile FtG is Stiùireadh airson Àiteachan a Ghlèidheadh do Sgoilearan</p> <p>Bu chòir do dh’ùghdarrasan foghlaim sgìrean-sgoile a stèidheachadh airson FtG, agus dh’fhaodadh gum bu mhiann leotha beachdachadh air an iarrtas a th’ ann airson FtG nuair a bhios iad a’ stèidheachadh stiùireadh airson nan àiteachan a thèid a ghlèidheadh do sgoilearan ann am FtG.</p>	<p>4. Statutory Guidance on Gaelic Education</p> <p>The Statutory Guidance on Gaelic Education recommends that catchment areas are established for schools where Gaelic-medium education (GME) is provided (Section 2.53 & 2.54).</p> <p>GME Catchment Areas and Placing Guidelines</p> <p>Education authorities should establish catchment areas for GME provision and may wish to consider demand for GME when setting guidelines for placing pupils in GME provision.</p> <p>2.54 states:</p> <p>A catchment area of GME provision should be an area in which the education authority thinks it is reasonable for pupils wishing to receive GME provision to travel to school and should have the</p>



A rèir 2.54:

Bu chòir do sgìre-sgoile airson sgoil le FtG a bhith na sgìre far a bheil an t-ùghdarras foghlaim den bheachd gu bheil e reusanta do chloinn san sgìre sin, a tha airson a dhol gu FtG, siubhal don sgoil, agus bu chòir coltas a bhith air an sgìre sin gun tèid pàrantan a thàladh gu bhith cur an cuid chloinne gu FtG.

Mar sin, tha Bòrd na Gàidhlig a' cur fàilte air a' mholadh gun tèid sgìre-sgoile a stèidheachadh airson Bun-sgoil Ghleann Urchadain far a bheil solar FtG ann.

potential to attract parents to choose GME provision for their children.

Therefore, Bòrd na Gàidhlig welcomes the recommendation that a catchment area will be established for Glenurquhart Primary School where there is GME provision.

