

Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd
The Highland Council

Buidheann Buileachaidh na Gàidhlig – 29 Cèitean 2014
Gaelic Implementation Group – 29 May 2014

Agenda Item	6
Report No	GIG 10/14

Bòrd na Gàidhlig Presentation

Report by the Director of Education, Culture & Sport

Summary

This Report introduces Mr John Angus Mackay OBE, Chief Executive of Bòrd na Gàidhlig, and Ms Mairi Macmillan, Head of Education and Learning at Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Ms Macmillan will outline continuing progress and challenges associated with Gaelic Education; the importance of our partnership and the need to further develop a nationally collegiate approach to growth and support mechanisms in Gaelic Education.

The Presentation contributes to the delivery of :

- National Performance Outcomes 3, 4, 5 and 16.
- The National Gaelic Language Plan Outcomes – Home & Early Years and Education: Schools & Teachers
- The Programme of The Highland Council and its cross cutting commitment to 'the principle of equal respect for the Gaelic and English languages, whilst also recognising the diversity of indigenous language and dialects within the Highland area; and
- The Highland Council Gaelic Language Plan.

1 Background

- 1.1 Under the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005, Bòrd na Gàidhlig (BnG) has statutory commitments and responsibilities to Scottish Ministers in respect of Gaelic Medium Education (GME). BnG is expected to prepare and submit to the Scottish Ministers, guidance in relation to the provision of Gaelic education and the development of such provision.
- 1.2 Bòrd na Gàidhlig's National Gaelic Education Strategy Steering Group (NGESSG) is tasked with providing strategic direction in regard to the aims of the National Gaelic Language Plan (NGLP) 2012-17. The NGLP aims to expand and improve Gaelic education and learning at all levels.
- 1.3 Ms Macmillan will provide a **ten minute presentation**; followed by an opportunity to discuss with Members in greater detail, progress at national level; the challenges ahead; the partnership work we undertake together and the importance of this collaboration to national success

2. Implications

2.1 There are no additional implications associated with this Report at present.

3.	Recommendations Members are invited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comment on Ms Macmillan's presentation; and• Agree to further develop close working relationships at local and national levels.
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