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**COMHAIRE NA GÀIDHEALTACHD
HIGHLAND COUNCIL**

**Comataidh nan Goireasan Corporra
Corporate Resources Committee**

Date: August 28th 2019

Report Title: Maoin Buileachaidh Achd na Gàidhlig
Gaelic Language Act Implementation Fund

**Adhbhar/Geàrr-chunntas Gnìomhach
Purpose/Executive Summary**

1.
 - 1.1 This report updates Elected Members on outcomes of the Gaelic Language Act Implementation Fund (GLAIF) in the financial year 2019-2020 which is administered by Bòrd na Gàidhig (BnaG).
 - 1.2 On April 18th 2019 the Highland Council Gaelic Team submitted 11 applications to BnaG requesting £167,644 of funding. In early July the Highland Council were informed of the outcomes of the GLAIF submissions.
 - 1.3 The applications are all projects which are central to the key performance indicators in the draft Gaelic Language Plan 2018-2023.
 - 1.4 A total of 8 project received funding with 2 projects were approved 'in principle' and 1 project was unsuccessful. A total of £118,650 of funding has been approved this **excludes** the 2 projects which are approved 'in principle'.

2. Molaidhean/ Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to:
 - i. Discuss and note how significant and important the GLAIF funding is for Gaelic within the authority.
 - ii. To support the Gaelic Team in their efforts to attract funding for specific projects

3. Seaghan/ Implications

3.1 Resource

The funding which the Highland Council Gaelic Team receives from the GLAIF applications is crucial to the enhancement and development of Gaelic within the Highland Council area.

3.2 Legal

The Highland Council has a duty to adhere to the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005.

3.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural)

The GLAIF funding is available for specific projects across the Highlands and does not discriminate the beneficiaries, as people of all ages, and sectors of society in both rural and urban areas are encouraged to participate and become involved.

3.4 Climate Change / Carbon Clever

Where possible meetings relating to the GLAIF Projects maximise the use of the new technologies which in turn adds to, and enhances the carbon clever agenda.

3.5 Risk

The GLAIF funding is very important, indeed crucial, for sustaining and initiating Gaelic projects and initiatives. The main risk is if funding is reduced and/ or withdrawn it will inevitably become more challenging to reach the targets and implement the actions in the Gaelic Language Plan.

3.6 Gaelic

The GLAIF funding adds to, and enhances Gaelic within the Highlands and has very positive implications for education, early learning and adult learning, home and communities, the arts, the workplace and economic developments in the Highlands.

4. Iarrtasan GLAIF/ GLAIF Applications

The following (**4.1 to 4.9**) is a summary of each application which was submitted to the GLAIF Funding Scheme.

4.1 Breith gu Aois a Tri/ Birth to 3 Years of Age

The project aims to continue the Birth to Three strategic partnership between the Highland Council and BnaG. This funding is used to support the 0 to 3 sector in the areas of Highland which lack local, Gaelic speaking play leaders, and to provide information and advice to groups which have recruited local workers.

In partnership with the Care and Learning Alliance, four part-time Gaelic Toddler Development Workers are employed to provide direct Gaelic play input to Mallaig, Acharacle, Newtonmore, Glenurquhart, Nairn, Cluich and Ceuman Beaga in Inverness, Dingwall, Tain, Bonar Bridge, Thurso, Gairloch, Ullapool and Plockton.

The project contributes to the growth of Gaelic medium education by engaging with parents and babies/toddlers who attend the Gaelic Toddler groups and supporting them to transition into GME. The project also assesses the training needs of those working in the sector and contributes to the skills pathway which partners are all seeking to develop. A further meeting has been arranged with BnaG to discuss the level of funding as was below the application submitted.

Approved by BnaG

4.2 Club Spòrs BSGLA/ Sports Club BSGLA

Club Spòrs at BSGLA involves a partnership between the Highland Council Gaelic team, the Head Teacher and the Active Schools Co-ordinator (Highlife Highland) who work

collaboratively to provide a successful programme of out-of-school sports activities, through the medium of Gaelic. The Saturday Club Spòrs has a high attendance from Primary 1 to Primary 7 pupils. It enables the use of Gaelic to extend beyond the classroom, thereby encouraging Gaelic usage, fluency and attainment. Club Spòrs after-school shinty and football are also well attended.

Approved by BnaG

4.3 **Cleasan Neo-churraicealach/ Extra-Curricular Activities**

The Cur-seachadan taobh a' muigh na Sgoile project will consist of a programme of 10 Gaelic workshops for young people culminating in a weekend residential. The programme will be delivered across the academic year and will crossover into school holiday periods. The activities will be varied consisting of outdoor activities, music, song, drama and filming, all designed to be attractive and relevant for young people in a modern and forward looking society. The project is intended for children at upper primary level and young people attending Gaelic medium secondary education in the Inverness and North area. The intention is to encourage young people to choose Gaelic whilst transitioning to secondary education and later in their school career while making subject choices. The project will focus on supporting and developing the language acquisition skills of pupils, thus promoting the increased use of Gaelic by young people. This project will include 2 workshops /events for Gaelic Learner pupils in secondary school.

The project will develop a programme of extra-curricular activities, and will be a safe avenue of social networking opportunities. The aim is to work closely with schools and Sabhal Mòr Ostaig in delivering this project.

Approved by BnaG

4.4

Ceannardas Spòrs Gàidhlig/ Gaelic Sports Leadership

Gaelic Sports Leadership project will offer a progressive coaching programme for Gaelic medium young people who have completed level 4 in Sports Leadership in the Western Isles and Highland Council areas. It will also give the opportunity to further progress their leadership awards coaching skills onto level 5 of the programme. The Gaelic Sports leadership awards will provide excellent additional skills which will support the young fluent Gaelic people in their future career choices, through the use of language in a range of settings and develop interpersonal skills and confidence.

The Sports Leader UK resources are available in Gaelic medium. Securing this additional funding will allow us to further develop the project by making it available for young Gaelic speakers in the Western Isles to train alongside Young Gaelic speaking peers from the Highlands. The Gaelic Sports Leadership project will be delivered by Highlife Highland who are currently the only organisation offering the SLUK course through the medium of Gaelic. The project will enable local authorities to increase the availability of Gaelic sporting activities offered to GM pupils and will also provide employment opportunities to the Gaelic young leaders, who have completed level 5 of the Sports Leadership Awards.

Approved by BnaG

4.5

Luchd-ionnsachaidh Inbheach na Gàidhlig/ Gaelic Adult Learners

The Highland Council seeks to continually broaden access for adults to Gaelic learning classes across the area. The focus is on particular regions within the Highland Council area where there is existing Gaelic Medium provision in schools with a view to extending provision to new areas by increasing the profile of Gaelic and leading to demand from the public for Gaelic learning classes.

The Highland Council operates a structured, progressive approach in areas where there

are greater numbers undertaking Gaelic Learning classes enabling students to access a clear pathway forward to university level Gaelic courses if desired.

This demand for Gaelic classes requires the supply of new tutors which the Highland Council is proactive in achieving through an annual tutor training event. The training also helps existing tutors with their Continued Professional Development.

This year an additional pilot project is planned. This will involve using immersion techniques developed from GM Education experience to use in adult learning.

This class aimed at Beginner level parents in Inverness, will involve the use of two tutors in the class with a focus on music, song and movement matching the simple, repetitive language being used in the sgoil-àraich. The course will be evaluated at the end of the year and if shown to be successful, further funding will be sought to create a CD and course materials to enable this to be accessible to a wider range of parents in more communities.

Approved by BnaG

4.6

A' Ghàidhlig san Àite-obrach/ Gaelic in the Work Place

Gaidhlig san Àite-obrach Project is a Bilingual Gaelic language learning resource App and webpage which will be available for Highland Council Members and staff that have access to ICT services.

The App and webpage will be developed over a 2 year period in collaboration with Sabhal Mòr Ostaig and Digital Services. The first phase commencing in September 2019 and will be completed in June 2020.

Approved by BnaG

4.7

Acadamaidh a' Mhòid/ Mòd Academy

The Gaelic Team are working in partnership with An Comunn Gàidhealach to develop a Mòd Academy Initiative for Gaelic L3 Inverness City Schools. A total of 13 schools.

The Mòd Academy project will organise tutors to deliver Gaelic learning and usage tuition, Gaelic song tuition, Gaelic choral singing tuition, where appropriate bàrdachd (poetry), and folk group tuition. The tuition will be relevant to the Mòd syllabus, competitions and focus on participating in the 2020 National Mòd.

An Comunn will deliver Youth Mòd Awareness events visits to 13 L3 schools in the area, with priority given to L3 schools out-with the City.

Approved by BnaG

4.8

Prògram Taice BSGP/ BSGP Support Programme

Program Taic BSGP (stand-alone Gaelic Medium Primary School in Portree opened in the last term of session 17/18) is a full academic year 19/20 project which will continue to work in partnership with BSGP and local Gaelic agencies to deliver a Gaelic medium support programme for BSGP pupils 3-18 and parents. The project will focus on supporting and developing the language acquisition skills of pupils thus promoting the use of Gaelic by young people. The project will develop a programme of extra-curricular activities, as well as organising family learning events and outdoor education opportunities in partnership with the local CnaG Iomairt Officer and Spòrs Gàidhlig. We will continue to develop and offer during curriculum time the successful làithean Cultur event to Sgoil-àraich and BSGP pupils, to ensure accessibility and inclusion for all pupils attending BSGP.

Approved by BnaG

4.9

Prògram Sgrìobhadh Cruthachail Gàidhlig ann an Sgoiltean Gaelic Creative Writing in Schools Programme

The Cas-Cheum project aims to develop Gaelic creative writing in schools.

The Gaelic Team aim to focus on schools where there are opportunities to currently expand and support Gaelic medium education both in primary schools and in Secondary education.

A Gaelic writer will visit these schools and deliver a series of Gaelic creative writing sessions. The sessions will be offered to specific schools to enhance their literacy skills, using new technologies. The creative writing subjects will be selected by the pupils, in association with their teachers. The young people will learn how to write for radio programmes, by writing short minute long plays/dialogues and record them; they will also have the opportunity to upload on a podcast channel.

Approved in principle

4.10

Trèanadh Leasachadh Dreuchdail Leantainneach do Cheannardan-sgoile FtG GME Head Teacher CPD Training

Thirty four schools currently provide GME. Head Teachers in these settings have varying degrees of experience, responsibilities and professional backgrounds. In order to ensure the best outcomes for children and young people educated through the medium of Gaelic, all Head Teachers should have a robust understanding of GME; including its benefits, the distinctly different pedagogy and learning pathway and some of the considerations that are vital in order to best support pupils.

The Highland Council's responsibility to successfully deliver its own Gaelic Language Plan, in addition to maximising the learning outcomes and raising attainment for GME pupils would also be central components of the training.

Declined by BnaG

Designation:

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Background Papers:

