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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES  
COMMITTEE**

**CUSTOMER SERVICES**

**2 JUNE 2016**

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**GAELIC LANGUAGE PLAN ANNUAL REPORT**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to update the Community Services Committee on progress in delivering the Council's Gaelic Language Plan.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Community Services Committee:

- 1.1 Notes the progress being made in delivering the Council's Gaelic Language Plan
- 1.2 Notes that a number of the measures in the plan have been updated to enable more accurate recording and more effective measuring of impact.
- 1.3 Notes that as part of delivering the Plan, there will be a Gaelic Gathering hosted by the Council on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016 in the Corran Halls, Oban.

There are no financial implications from this report.

## GAELIC LANGUAGE PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

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### 2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Community Services Committee on progress in delivering the actions in the approved Argyll and Bute Council Gaelic Language Plan

### 3. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Community Services Committee:

- 3.1 Notes the progress being made in delivering the Council's Gaelic Language Plan
- 3.2 Notes that a number of the measures in the plan have been updated to enable more accurate recording and more effective measuring of impact.
- 3.3 Notes that as part of delivering the Plan, there will be a Gaelic Gathering hosted by the Council on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016 in the Corran Halls, Oban.

### 4. DETAIL

- 4.1. Argyll and Bute Council has a duty under the Statutory Notice by Bord na Gaidhlig to produce a Gaelic Language Plan. The Council approved its Gaelic Language Plan in 2014 following consultation and sign off by Bord na Gaidhlig .
- 4.2 The Gaelic Language Plan is aligned with the National Gaelic Plan and focuses on the same themes. These are:
- Gaelic in the Home
  - Gaelic in the Community
  - Gaelic in Education
  - Gaelic in the Workplace
  - Gaelic in the Arts, Heritage, Media and Tourism
  - Gaelic in Economic Development
- 4.3 The Council's Plan contains a number of actions with success measures that have been develop and agreed as our approach to delivering on the Plan. Attached to this report in Appendix 1 is a progress report showing each of the actions that have been agreed and their status.
- 4.4 The Action Plan has been built into the Council's Performance Management system, Pyramid, so all actions can be tracked and progress can be monitored.

- 4.5 Each of the actions has an identified lead officer. Regular meetings are programmed with the Policy Lead to provide updates on progress against the agreed actions. These meetings have representation from services that are involved in delivering different aspects of the Gaelic Language Plan.
- 4.6 There are a number of areas of progress in relation to the plan that are worthy of highlight.
- 4.7 The Furan Centre in Oban is continuing to have a significant, positive impact on delivering Gaelic classes to communities, particularly through Bookbug sessions, and raising awareness and the use of the Gaelic Language.
- 4.8 A Gaelic Gathering is being arranged for 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016 in the Corran Halls in Oban. This will bring together Gaelic Groups, organisations and individuals who have an interest in Gaelic to discuss Gaelic in relation to the priorities in the plan and take forward next steps towards developing a gaelic Forum, which is one of the actions in the Council's Plan.
- 4.9 As the plan progresses, the actions will be completed or reviewed to ensure that they remain appropriate.

## **5.0 CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 Good progress is being made by the Council on delivery of the Gaelic Language Plan.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

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| 6.1 | <b>Policy</b>           | This proposal is compliant with the Council's policies and procedures.            |
| 6.2 | <b>Financial</b>        | There are no financial implications from this report.                             |
| 6.3 | <b>Legal</b>            | The Council has a duty under a statutory notice to produce a Gaelic Language Plan |
| 6.4 | <b>HR</b>               | None  |
| 6.5 | <b>Equalities</b>       | None  |
| 6.6 | <b>Risk</b>             | None  |
| 6.7 | <b>Customer Service</b> | None  |

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Gaelic Language Plan Actions update.