

City of Edinburgh Council

1988:
Primary GME unit set up at Tollcross

City of Edinburgh Council decision to deliver secondary GME at James Gillespies High School

2009:
Start of City of Edinburgh Council consultation on a draft Gaelic Language Plan

June 2010
CEC paper on expansion of GME at primary level and proposal to move secondary GME from Tollcross to Tynecastle from August 2012. Options presented for primary expansion – 2nd GME unit at Leith Walk Primary, or extension to Tollcross building, or full GME school at Bonnington.

December 2010
CEC full council meeting agreement to take forward consultation on primary options and to form short-term working group to look at secondary options.

Jan 2011-March 2011
Formal public consultation on primary options

June 2011
Agreement to take forward idea of full GME primary subject to finance and to consider secondary GME at a later date.

October 2011
Approval of GME primary at Bonnington

August 2013
Opening of Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce

Feb 2016
Proposal to relocate some GME pupils from JGHS to Tynecastle in 2016, due to capacity issues at JGHS – proposal subsequently withdrawn

Mar-May 2016
Short term working group on JGHS capacity – proposal to use Darroch building as extension to JGHS to assist with capacity issues for next 5 years

May 2016
Formation of group to “co-produce” long term strategy for GME in Edinburgh, group to include parents, council officers and Gaelic community reps

December 2016
Expected start of public consultation on use of Darroch building

2017
Co-production of GME strategy to complete and to feed into Edinburgh Gaelic Language Plan 2017-22

2012-2017 - Edinburgh Gaelic Language Plan 2012-2017

2013 onwards GME parent and councillor reps on Gaelic Implementation Steering Group (GIG) to discuss progress of GLP and future development of GME

Comann nam Pàrant

2009:
Gathered responses to draft GLP consultation – campaign for GLP to include long plan for GME primary school

June - December 2010:
Series of parent meetings to gain consensus on plan for GME primary and secondary. Consensus reached that parents in favour of dedicated GME primary and continued development of secondary GME at JGHS.

Jan-March 2011 –
Parent campaign to respond to public consultation on GME primary options

June 2010 – October 2011
Sustained campaign of lobbying councillors to achieve parents’ wishes for a dedicated primary school and further development of secondary GME at JGHS

2010 Schools Consultation (Scotland) Act

2012 – 2013
Series of meetings between CnP reps and councillors to try and begin discussions about future of GME secondary provision

February 2014
Parent meeting to discuss development of secondary GME

June and November 2015
Parent meetings to discuss secondary vision. In Nov JGHS staff present to discuss how some ideas might be implemented

Feb 2016
lobbying campaign in conjunction with PC to respond to proposal to relocate GME pupils from JGHS

Mar-May 2016
Engagement with short term working group on JGHS capacity

May 2016
Engagement in group to co-produce long-term GME strategy

June 2016 – Jan 2017
Series of parent meetings in conjunction with TnP PC to determine parents’ views about long-term strategy for GME

2012-2017 – National Gaelic Language Plan

2017-2022 – National Gaelic Language Plan

