

Comann nam Pàrant (Dùn Èideann): Education Working Group Report to AGM: 22 May 2019

Working Group Remit:

- To proactively engage with key stakeholders, Edinburgh Council, Scottish Govt Reps, GME stakeholders – TnP Parent Council / CnPDE committee / School staff / Parents etc to drive forward the goals set out in the Edinburgh Council Gaelic Medium Education Improvement Plan and Growth Strategy (December 2018).
- Progress discussion of new sites (nursery, primary and secondary) and present options to parents / stakeholders.
- Monitor recruitment of staff, including funding options, to ensure that recruitment activity will support the increase in pupil numbers.
- Act as the steering group for the expansion project, providing guidance and direction to the other workstreams to ensure that other Working Groups are progressing to plan.
- Be the escalation point to CnPDE for key matters that cannot be resolved by the Education Working Group.

The Education group met on 13th May. Key areas of focus, agreement and next steps are detailed below:

Immediate Steps:

1. Finalisation of Criteria for the successful delivery of the GME Expansion Project.

It was agreed that a document would be drafted to set out the Criteria that GME Parents wish to have used to evaluate the secondary location following the meeting held at TnP on 20th March.

Target to release the document the week of 27th May to Parents and thereafter seek approval of it at a formal meeting of CnPDE. All interested parties will be invited.

All agreed that the Criteria document will be released to Edinburgh Council ahead of the next GIG meeting (12th June) but may be presented in a draft format if there has been insufficient time to seek formal approval. This will hopefully reduce any potential delays due to the impending holiday period at the end of June.

2. Coordination of key questions for the next GIG meeting

The Education group will compile all questions across each of the Working Groups for presentation and discussion at the next GIG meeting in June.

The key answers / action points in response to the questions will be communicated back across the workstreams post 12th June.

Medium Term Steps

1. Engagement with Edinburgh Council / researchers on educational benefits of the new GME secondary, ensuring that 'educational needs' is the main priority for expansion and not buildings.
2. Working with the Edinburgh Council to understand in more detail, how the strategy will be delivered and the key dates on the roadmap.
3. Understand the contribution that the Working Groups need to provide and by when to support delivery of the strategy by Edinburgh Council.
4. Production of a high-level plan / timeline that can be used to track progress of the strategy
5. Set out a reporting frequency to ensure all parties are kept up to date with progress providing a consolidated view across all of the Working Groups.