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By email

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**Re: follow up to the Education, Children and Families Committee meeting 24 January 2022**

Thank you for listening to the views of parents and engaging with the discussions at the Education, Children and Families Committee meeting on 24 January 2022. We were grateful to have the opportunity to make a verbal deputation, to answer questions from Councillors and to hear their thoughts.

We very much welcome the decision taken by the Committee to approve a motion to allow for further discussion between the Council and the GME community and for the Council to provide further additional information on the current sites and any other potential sites, prior to the next Committee meeting scheduled to take place 1 March 2022.

We would be grateful if you could provide the following:

- Your plans for engagement with the wider parent body: the format, dates and how you plan to capture the discussions which will take place
- Your plans for further discussion with the Scottish Government
- Clarity on if and how the Council has engaged with each of the Lothian Councils and parents within these local authorities on the latest proposal
- Key dates in order for parents to fully understand the steps in the process, including engagement, Council report, election dates etc

We propose working together with the Gaelic Implementation Group education subgroup on agendas and key areas for discussion with parents. We recommend that you look at both the [survey report from our December 2021 survey](#) and our [written deputation](#), both of which show areas where parents require further information and clarity. We are happy to provide further steer where necessary.

Importantly, we would urge you to take accessibility into account when engaging with parents: we ask for clear language and terminology so the plans can be fully understood as well as realistic timescales to allow parents to properly digest, question and engage with your proposals.

We would like to extend our thanks to the councillors, officers and the parent representatives who participated in the meeting. We are aware of the difficult and complex decisions facing councillors, and we appreciate how all political groups listened to us and agreed a way forward. We will continue to work in partnership with all parties to achieve the best possible outcome.

Comann nam Pàrant is committed to working with the Council and would be glad to offer support during the engagement process wherever appropriate.

Le dùrachdan  
Comann nam Pàrant  
(Dùn Èideann is Lodainn)