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Comann nam Pàrant (Dùn Èideann is Lodainn) (CNPDE) represents the parents and carers of children and pupils in Gaelic Medium Education (GME) in Edinburgh and the Lothians, from pre-school through to secondary. As you may be aware, there are several important decisions that need to be taken regarding GME in Edinburgh and the Lothians over the next few years and families will no doubt be interested in the positions of the parties on these issues in advance of the Scottish Council elections in May 2022.

CNPDE considers several points to be vital for the education of our children and for the future of the language in the city and would encourage your party to give a public commitment on the following:

- to build a stand-alone Gaelic Medium Education secondary school in a central location
- no catchment review of GME pupils at secondary level until a guaranteed, sustainable, long-term alternative for secondary school provision is available
- no capping of the numbers of children entering GME primary provision
- to commit to the creation of GME primary schools (rather than GME 'units' within English Medium schools)
- to support the development of Cròileagan and Early Years GME provision and that this be aligned with plans for the expansion of primary provision to ensure sustainable growth of GME overall
- to work proactively with the Gaelic community and organisations in Edinburgh and the Lothians to develop a central Gaelic 'hub' for the region
- to take a stronger role in collaborating with the Scottish Government to support the training of teachers who can work in the Gaelic sector
- to ensure that the Council's next Gaelic Language Plan (2023-27) makes stronger commitments to the promotion of Gaelic in the work of the Council and in the city more generally and that progress on this is assessed regularly

We would welcome your consideration of these points and hope you can reflect these commitments in your manifesto and any other public pronouncements. If you would like to discuss any of these points, or any other related issues, please contact us at cnpduneideann@gmail.com. For more information on who we are and what we do, [visit our blog](#)

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