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Dear Councillor Joan Griffiths,

In my last letter of 21 September, I intimated that, in October, I would be meeting with representatives from the Gaelic parents' group in Edinburgh. This meeting has now taken place. The Gaelic parents' group continue to place value in maintaining open and regular communication with the Council and I was surprised to hear that the parents' group has not yet been offered a meeting with the Council since the local government elections in May.

The parent representatives believe it would be helpful if a long-term plan could be put in place for the future of GME in the city and I strongly support this. I recognise that responsibility for this sits with the Council and, as ever, the Scottish Government would be happy to provide support where we can. I think all parties recognise that some urgent attention needs to be given to these issues and it would be helpful if CEC officers could continue to meet with relevant SG officials as they make progress with these matters.

I would also welcome an update on progress, including any recent discussions or new developments within CEC in relation to these matters. As always, we would be happy to work together and offer support where we can.

As agreed at the meeting with the Gaelic parents' group, I am copying this letter to them.

Yours sincerely,

**SHIRLEY-ANNE SOMERVILLE**

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