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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES**

3.4 Draft responses to the questions are included at Appendix 2 for consideration by members.

#### **4.0 CONCLUSION**

4.1 This consultation provides an opportunity to contribute to shaping Scottish Government policy on Gaelic and Scots language.

#### **5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Policy – The proposed legislation may impact the Council’s Gaelic Language Plan and Gaelic Medium Education approach

5.2 Financial – None at this time

5.3 Legal – The Council has a Duty under the Gaelic Language Act 2005 to produce a plan. The proposed Act may place further Duties on the Council

5.4 HR – None at this time

5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:

5.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics – There is no protected characteristic that directly applies to language.

5.5.2 Socio-economic Duty – May have a positive impact on remote rural areas where Gaelic is spoken

5.5.3 Islands – May have a positive impact on islands where Gaelic is spoken

5.6 Climate Change - None

5.7 Risk – None directly from this report

5.8 Customer Service - None

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#### **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Consultation Document – Consultation on the Scottish Government Commitments to Gaelic and Scots and a Scottish Languages Bill.

Appendix 2 – Draft Consultation Response.