

## **Supplementary written evidence from Simon Macaulay, Convener, Scottish Government Working Group on Languages**

You will recall that at the conclusion of my presentation to the European & External Affairs Committee on 10 January, the Convener invited me to contact the Committee following a meeting scheduled to take place with GTCS on 16 January to discuss the 1 + 2 languages policy.

I write now to confirm that Sarah Breslin of SCILT and I met yesterday with three members of the GTCS Education Committee along with the GTCS Director of Education and Professional Learning to discuss the contents of the 1 + 2 languages Report and possible implications for GTCS. Sarah & I presented the background to the work of the 1 + 2 Working Group, the recommendations contained in the Report as well as the first stages of implementation of the Report including the initial pilots which have been put in place by Scottish Government and Education Scotland.

Subsequent discussion was detailed, constructive and highly positive. My understanding is that the Education Committee members present will now report back to the full Education Committee to allow GTCS to consider the implications for GTCS of the recommendations in the Report.

I understand that the European & External Affairs Committee has invited representatives of GTCS to attend a future meeting of the Committee to discuss the Report. This will allow the Committee to seek further clarification from GTCS on those parts of the 1 + 2 Report which are relevant to the work of GTCS. I also understand that the Committee intends at a future date to discuss the implications of the Report with Sarah Breslin.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further clarification.

Yours sincerely

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