

<b>Report on</b>	Draft response to Foras na Gaeilge consultation document – Strategic Direction for Foras na Gaeilge 2020-2025
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To seek Council approval to issue the attached submission (appendix 2) to Foras na Gaeilge in response to the Public Consultation on the Strategic Direction for Foras na Gaeilge 2020-2025 (Draft document).
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	On 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2019, Foras na Gaeilge issued a request to Council seeking its opinions on the consultation document – A Strategic Direction for Foras na Gaeilge 2020-2025 (Draft).
2.2	A copy of the Consultation document - A Strategic Direction for Foras na Gaeilge 2020-2025 (Draft) is attached as Appendix 1
2.3	The proposed draft submission to be issued on behalf of Mid Ulster District Council in response to the consultation on the Strategic Direction for Foras na Gaeilge 2020-2025 (Draft) is attached as Appendix 2
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Foras na Gaeilge, is the body responsible for the promotion of the Irish language throughout the whole island of Ireland.
3.2	The functions of Foras na Gaeilge include:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The promotion of the Irish language</li> <li>• Facilitating and encouraging the use of the Irish Language in speech and writing in public and private life in the South and, in the context of Part III of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages, in Northern Ireland where there is appropriate demand;</li> <li>• advising both administrations, public bodies and other groups in the private and voluntary sectors;</li> <li>• undertaking supportive projects, and grant-aiding bodies and groups as considered necessary;</li> </ul>

3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• undertaking research, promotional campaigns, and public and media relations;</li> <li>• developing terminology and dictionaries;</li> <li>• supporting Irish-medium education and the teaching of Irish.</li> </ul> <p>Responses are to be issued to:-</p> <table data-bbox="225 443 1426 589"> <tr> <td data-bbox="225 443 874 589"> Response Co-ordinator  Foras na Gaeilge  2-4 Sráid na Banríona  Béal Feirste, BT1 6ED </td> <td data-bbox="874 443 1426 589"> Response Co-ordinator  Foras na Gaeilge  63-66 Sráid Amiens  Baile Átha Cliath 1 </td> </tr> </table>	Response Co-ordinator Foras na Gaeilge 2-4 Sráid na Banríona Béal Feirste, BT1 6ED	Response Co-ordinator Foras na Gaeilge 63-66 Sráid Amiens Baile Átha Cliath 1	
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<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>			
5.1	It is recommended that the attached draft response to the Strategic Direction for Foras na Gaeilge 2020-2025 (Draft), is approved and submitted to Foras na Gaeilge on behalf of Mid Ulster District Council			
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>			
6.1	Appendix 1 - A Strategic Direction for Foras na Gaeilge 2020-2025 (Draft)			
6.2	Appendix 2 – Mid Ulster District Council proposed response			