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1. INTRODUCTION

The Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht aims, with the publication of these language planning guidelines, in association with Údarás na Gaeltachta and Foras na Gaeilge, to provide an overview of the language planning process as it relates to the implementation of the Gaeltacht Act 2012. These guidelines are aimed primarily at the community and organisations whose responsibility it will be to prepare and implement language plans under the Act. These guidelines will also be of assistance to the voluntary sector, the public sector and the private sector who will have a role in providing support, in as far as possible, to the language planning process.

The Gaeltacht Act 2012 provides the statutory framework for undertaking the language planning process on a coordinated basis. It is expected that the public, the voluntary sector, the public sector and the private sector will work together to support the Irish language in the various geographical areas to be recognised under the Act. The language will be supported as the community and family language of the Gaeltacht and of other areas outside of the Gaeltacht through the preparation and implementation of language plans at community level. The purpose of the language plans will be the strengthening of language usage in the context of family, community, education social, business and public affairs.

2. BACKGROUND

The *20-Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010-2030* has as its objective to increase the number of daily Irish-language speakers outside of the education system to 250,000 people, the number of daily Irish-language speakers in the Gaeltacht by 25% and to increase the number of people with knowledge of the Irish language to 2 million over the lifetime of the Strategy. The need for the development and implementation of a language planning system at community level is recognised in the Strategy and was a recommendation made in the *Comprehensive Linguistic Study of the Use of Irish in the Gaeltacht* in 2007. It is through the language planning process that support will be provided in a systematic, integrated manner to the Irish language as the community and family language in the Gaeltacht and in other areas outside of the Gaeltacht, where there is community support for Irish.

A statutory footing for the language planning process is provided in the Gaeltacht Act 2012, which sets out the process by which communities in various areas can attain recognition as Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas, Gaeltacht Service Towns or Irish Language Networks.

- In line with the provisions of the Act, the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has identified 26 Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas. Under the Act, the existing Gaeltacht will be redesignated as Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas provided that language plans are agreed by the communities in the various areas in accordance with the language planning criteria prescribed under the Act. Údarás na Gaeltachta is responsible under the Act for supporting organisations with regard to the preparation and implementation of the language plans in the Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas.
- Gaeltacht Service Towns are towns in, or adjacent to Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas which play a significant role in the delivery of public services and

leisure, social and commercial amenities to those areas. Under the Act, a town must have a population of at least 1,000 people, according to the most recent census, to be considered as a Gaeltacht Service Town. Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge are responsible under the Act for supporting organisations in the preparation and implementation of language plans in the Gaeltacht Service Towns, depending on whether the town is situated within or outside Gaeltacht Language Planning Area.

- Irish Language Networks are areas which already have a basic critical mass of community and State support for the Irish language. Foras na Gaeilge is responsible under the Act for supporting organisations in the preparation and implementation of the language plans in the Irish Language Networks.

Under the Act, recognition is given to the Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas, the Gaeltacht Service Towns and the Irish Language Networks providing that language plans have been agreed with their communities in accordance with the language planning criteria. Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as may be appropriate, will provide support to the organisations selected by them to prepare and implement language plans in the various areas. The Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht will be responsible for the approval of the language plans in accordance with the language planning criteria prescribed under the Act.

The language planning process will be implemented in the various areas in the context of the *20-Year Strategy for the Irish Language* and the Gaeltacht Act. The language planning process will best be implemented by way of a partnership approach between the community and community organisations, in association with the voluntary sector, the public sector and the private sector.

It is envisaged that the language planning process will involve the following benefits:

- The public, through the community organisations, will be given an opportunity to play a central role in the language planning process on a local basis according to their own wishes and to their own specific context.

- The wide range of activities provided by community and public organisations which support the Irish language in the various areas to be recognised under the Act will be drawn together in a more effective manner.
- Learning opportunities will be enhanced by the sharing of best practice in language planning among the various areas to be recognised under the Act.
- As a result of the integrated approach under the language planning process, a greater demand for services through Irish will be created in the various areas to be recognised under the Act.

3. LANGUAGE PLANNING

There are many definitions of language planning. In brief, language planning can be described as planning interventions which attempt to influence the language spoken in a particular community. It can also be described as a collection of ideas, laws, regulations and practices that exist to achieve a planned change in language useage in a particular community. The objective of language planning in this case is the increase in Irish-language speakers and the preservation of Irish-language use as a family and community language.

The application of language planning involves a range of activities at various levels, including:

- activities arising directly from State policies;
- activities which relate to the community and to the organisations operating on their behalf; and
- activites which relate to society in general in the public sector, private sector and voluntary sector.

Language planning is of particular importance in relation to the decisions made by the private citizen around the issue of language and its relationship to the family, community, educational, social, business and public affairs. Language planning also relates to the manner in which the public sector, private sector and voluntary sector all support the individual in facilitating those every day decisions. The following elements are central to the language planning process:

- 1. attitude towards the Irish language**
- 2. competence in Irish**
- 3. use of Irish**
- 4. the fostering and preservation of language communities**
- 5. intergenerational transmission of language**

4. HOW TO PREPARE AND IMPLEMENT A LANGUAGE PLAN

The various stages associated with the preparation and implementation of a language plan can be summarised as follows:



The following is a description of the 5 individual stages:

Stage 1: Agreeing the objectives of the language plan

The language planning process begins with a strategic aim for the language plan. The objectives of the plan will flow from the strategic aim and the particular activities specified in the plan will emerge from the objectives. While deciding on the strategic aim of the plan, make sure that the aim is specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and that has a timeframe. Above all, make sure from the outset that as large a proportion of the community as possible is willing to support the strategic aim of the language plan.

Awareness around the following matters is essential when preparing a language plan:

- **Public awareness and commitment:** The community should be clear about what's involved with the language planning process, as well as the importance of the process and the central role to be played by the community in that process. An awareness campaign will need to be organised on a local basis to foster public interest in the process and to ensure commitment to the process.

- **Ownership:** The community, and all other interested parties, should be given an opportunity to have ongoing input in the language planning process and to take ownership of that part of the plan which relates to them.
- **Clarity:** It should be clear what activities are proposed under the plan, who is responsible for every aspect of the plan and what resources will be available and necessary to deliver all aspects of the plan.
- **Competence:** The selected organisation should have the appropriate competence, experience and expertise to undertake language planning, or at the very least have access to the appropriate expertise, as necessary.
- **The process:** It should be clear that the language planning process is as important as the plan itself and the results of the plan.

Stage 2: Carrying out research to understand the current situation

The current state of the language in the Language Planning Area/Gaeltacht Service Town/Irish Language Network concerned should be clear. There will be a need therefore for appropriate research in order to establish:

- the community's attitude towards the Irish language;
- the community's ability to speak it;
- usage habits within the community;
- the community's wishes for the language and
- the various supports available for the language locally.

Both quantitative and qualitative research may be necessary:

- Quantitative research relates to statistical data - for example, the number of people who speak Irish in particular age groups. This information is usually collated by using the census of population and by the use of questionnaires.
- Qualitative research involves measuring people's attitude/behaviour. This kind of research is generally done by interviewing people, by organising focus groups and by circulating surveys or questionnaires.

- As part of the research, information should be collated on the various supports available for the Irish language locally and the strengths, weaknesses and shortcomings of those supports.

Before undertaking any research, the range of relevant research already available should be considered.

The language planning criteria set out under the Gaeltacht Act should be used appropriately as a reference point. The criteria are available at Appendix 1. The following sets out the critical areas on which the criteria are based:

1. the education system, including early education services;
2. childcare, pre-school and family support services, including language support services;
3. services for young people and other age groups;
4. learning opportunities outside of the education system;
5. the business sector;
6. community organisations and cooperatives;
7. the media;
8. public services;
9. physical planning and development;
10. social and recreational services; and
11. use of Irish in the community, the community's attitude towards it and how much the community in general supports the language plan.

Stage 3: Analysing the research and preparing a language plan

Once the research has been completed, an analysis of the research will be needed to establish the measures necessary, as well as the priorities for the language. It is on this evidence-based foundation that a workable plan will be built. The objective of this process is to prepare a language plan:

- that will prioritise the role and wishes of the community and other stakeholders ; and
- will consist of measures that are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and timelines which set out the implementation over the lifetime of the plan.

A sample model of a language plan is available at Appendix 3, which consists of the various aspects which may be worth taking into account when preparing a language plan.

Stage 4: Implementing the language plan

The selected organisation will take the lead in effectively directing the implementation of the language plan and for ensuring that the various objectives are being achieved on a phased basis. This will be done in association with Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge and the other interested stakeholders, as appropriate.

The clearer every aspect of the plan is and how it will be implemented, the more effective it will be. The selected organisation should therefore maintain close oversight on the process on an ongoing basis in order to effectively implement the plan.

Stage 5: Monitoring the implementation of the language plan

Language plans will involve an implementation period of 7 years and the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht will periodically review the implementation of the language plans during that time period. It is intended to carry out an interim review of each language plan which will usually be done in year 3 of its implementation. It is also intended to carry out a final review of each language plan and that will usually be undertaken in year 6. The Department can carry out a review at other times, or more frequently than the periods specified here, if considered necessary to do so. The

language planning process is an iterative process that will be renewed at the end of each 7-year implementation cycle.

5. ROLE OF THE INTERESTED PARTIES



An overview is given in this chapter of the specific role of the following stakeholders in the language planning process:

- the selected organisations and the community;
- the local voluntary organisations and the local business sector;
- the local public sector;
- Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as appropriate; and
- the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

The Gaeltacht Act provided the framework for undertaking the language planning process on a coordinated basis with the various sectors working together. Language plans therefore will be implemented on the basis of cooperation using available resources and in line with what the community's wishes.

THE SELECTED ORGANISATIONS AND THE COMMUNITY

The organisations selected for language planning purposes under the Act will be responsible for the preparation and implementation of the language plans in association with the community. The organisations selected must be able to organise themselves in such a way as to ensure that the interests of the local community and stakeholders are maintained throughout the entire language planning process. To that end, the selected organisations will need to operate in a way that is representative of the local community throughout the language planning process. The selected organisations will be expected to appropriately manage whatever resources available to them in order to make best use of such resources throughout the process.

Given that the 'bottom up' principle is of particular importance to the language planning process, the selected organisations will need to work in tandem with the local community throughout the process. It will be the responsibility of the local community to actively support the process by:

- choosing Irish as the family and community language;
- advancing the use of Irish in the voluntary organisations of which the community is a part;
- demanding public and/or private services through Irish; and/or
- becoming active within organisation selected to prepare and implement the language plan.

THE LOCAL VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND THE LOCAL BUSINESS SECTOR

It is anticipated that the local voluntary organisations will take an active part in the process by supporting the organisations chosen to undertake the process and by encouraging the strengthening of the Irish language within their organisations. The local voluntary organisations will also be actively involved in the preparation and implementation of the language plan particularly insofar as the plan concerns themselves.

As the language planning process assists in building the basic critical mass in favour of the Irish language locally, it is expected, that demand will grow from within the community for the provision of services in Irish from the local business sector. It is also expected that the Irish language will be more visible in the local community among both voluntary organisations and the local business sector.

THE LOCAL PUBLIC SECTOR

As far as the 'top down' aspect of the process is concerned, local public sector support will form an important aspect of process. The availability of public services locally through Irish forms is specified in the language planning criteria prescribed in the Act, , as well as the availability of a specific range of public services, including education, childcare, family support and planning services.

Relevant Government Departments have published implementation plans under the *20-Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010-2030* setting out the particular measures they intend to implement under the Strategy. In addition, language schemes have been agreed with many public bodies under the Official Languages Act 2003 regarding the services they provide to the public in Irish. It is expected that the public sector will make the appropriate arrangements at local level to support the language planning process,

within the available resources, in a way which both underpins the measures being implemented under the Strategy as well as the services provided by public bodies under the Languages Act.

ÚDARÁS NA GAELTACHTA OR FORAS NA GAEILGE

Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as appropriate, will be responsible for selecting organisations to prepare and implement language plans in the various areas. Both organisations will be responsible for the development of a transparent process by which organisations with the appropriate experience and skills will be selected to prepare and implement language plans in the various areas.

They will also be obliged to support the selected organisations in preparing and implementing language plans. This support will primarily be in the form of expertise and advice. In addition, Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, may also provide funding to the selected organisations, providing such resources are available.

Both Údarás na Gaeltachta and Foras na Gaeilge, as appropriate, will be responsible for ensuring that the process is implemented in a coordinated manner in the areas, towns and language networks concerned and that best-practice is shared between the various areas.

THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, HERITAGE AND THE GAELTACHT

The Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht will make the various notices and orders under the Act in the case of the Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas, the Gaeltacht Service Towns and the Irish Language Networks. The Minister is empowered to do this under section 3 of the Act contingent on resources being available and following consultation with other Ministers, as may be appropriate.

The Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht will undertake a consultation process regarding the selection of the most appropriate towns to be recognised under the Act as Gaeltacht Service Towns. On foot of that process, the Minister will determine the selection of Gaeltacht Service Towns conditional on language plans having been agreed with the communities of the various towns in accordance with the prescribed language planning criteria.

The Department will assess all language plans submitted to the Minister in the case of the Areas, Towns and Networks in accordance with the language planning criteria prescribed under the Act. In addition, the Department will periodically review the implementation of the language plans throughout the process.

Although primary responsibility for assisting the selected organisations in the preparation and implementation of the language plans in the various areas will rest with Údarás na Gaeltachta and Foras na Gaeilge respectively, the Department will have an overarching supervisory role regarding the implementation of the language planning process under the Act.

The Department will also play a role in discussing with public sector stakeholders regarding appropriate arrangements to support the process at local level within available resources. This will be undertaken in the context of the Department's coordinating role under the *20-Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010-2030* and through the Department's function in agreeing language schemes with public bodies under the Official Languages Act 2003.

6. GAELTACHT ACT AND LANGUAGE PLANNING PROCESS

The language planning process is set out in Section II of the Gaeltacht Act 2012. The following offers an overview of the proposed approach:

- Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as may be appropriate, will select organisations to prepare language plans in the Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas, in the Gaeltacht Service Towns and in the Irish Language Networks. This will happen over a period of time.
- The selected organisations will have up to 2 years to prepare language plans. Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as may be appropriate, will assist the organisations with the preparation of these plans.
- The purpose of the language plans will be the enhancement of Irish-language use in the areas to which they apply, in so far as it relates to family, community, educational, social, business and public matters.
- Following the assessment of the language plans by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, in line with the language planning criteria prescribed under the Act, the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht will approve the plans under the Act. The area concerned will be given recognition as a Gaeltacht Language Planning Area, as a Gaeltacht Service Town, or as an Irish Language Network, as the case may be.
- Selected organisations will have 7 years to deliver the language plans with assistance from Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as may be appropriate.
- The Department will periodically review the implementation of the plans during the 7 year period.
- The language planning process is an iterative process which will be renewed at the end of each 7-year implementation cycle.

A distinction is drawn under the Act between the range of functions of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and those of the agencies which act under its aegis i.e. Údarás na Gaeltachta and Foras na Gaeilge. The Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht is responsible for the assessment, approval and review of language plans in accordance with the prescribed language planning criteria and for assigning official status to the various areas under the Act. Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as appropriate, are responsible under the Act for providing support to organisations in the preparation and implementation of language plans. Both Údarás na Gaeltachta and Foras na Gaeilge, as appropriate, will be responsible for ensuring that the language planning approach is being implemented in a coordinated manner in the areas, towns and networks and that best-practice is shared between the various areas.

It is recognised that the selected organisations will require support in the preparation and implementation of language plans in the various areas. Such support will be available to the selected organisations primarily in the form of expertise and advice from Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as may be appropriate. In addition, Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as may be appropriate, can provide funding to the selected organisations, provided that such resources are available.

The language planning criteria prescribed under section 12 of the Act are available at Appendix 1. These criteria will be used in assessing the preparation and implementation of the language plans in the various areas. Organisations selected to undertake the language planning process should therefore be aware of the criteria when preparing and implementing the language plans.

An overview of the language planning process under the Act as it relates to Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas, Gaeltacht Service Towns and Irish Language Networks is set out below.

GAELTACHT LANGUAGE PLANNING AREAS

The Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has identified 26 Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas for the purposes of the Act. The complete list of areas and electoral divisions associated with them is set out at Appendix 2. Under the Act, the existing Gaeltacht will be redesignated as Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas providing that language plans have been agreed with the communities in the various areas in accordance with the prescribed language planning criteria prescribed. Údarás na Gaeltachta is responsible under the Act for supporting organisations with regard to the preparation and implementation of the language plans in the Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas.

The key steps of process in relation to Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas are set out below:

Notices regarding the Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas

- Under section 7 of the Act, the existing Gaeltacht will be redesignated as Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas providing that language plans have been agreed with the communities in the various areas in accordance with the prescribed language planning criteria.
- Under section 7(3) of the Act, the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht will publish a notice in the case of each area stating that it is his intention to designate that area by order as a Gaeltacht Language Planning Area. Specified in the notice will be the electoral divisions concerned, the period organisations will have to apply to Údarás na Gaeltachta to be selected as organisations to undertake the language planning process in the area and the period within which the language plan will be prepared and submitted to the Minister for approval.
- The notices will be published under the Act periodically when organisations in, or adjacent to, the various areas in question are ready to apply to Údarás

na Gaeltachta and when Údarás na Gaeltachta in turn is ready to assist the selected organisations in undertaking the language planning process for the given area.

Selection of organisations to undertake the language planning process

- Údarás na Gaeltachta will be responsible for selecting organisations to prepare and implement language plans in Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas. The selected organisations will be based in, or adjacent to, the various areas concerned.
- Údarás na Gaeltachta will be responsible for the development of a transparent process by which organisations with the appropriate experience and skills will be selected to undertake the language planning process in the various areas.
- The organisations will be selected for the entire period of the language planning cycle, i.e. up to 2 years to prepare a plan and 7 years to implement a plan. At the end of that cycle, another application process will be initiated to select organisations for the next cycle.
- If no organisation applies to be selected by Údarás na Gaeltachta, the area concerned can be excluded from the Gaeltacht by Ministerial Order under section 7(5) of the Act.
- If a selected organisation fails to prepare a language plan and if the Minister is of the opinion that there is no reasonable prospect that the organisation can submit such a plan within a reasonable time, the Minister may request Údarás na Gaeltachta to select another organisation that made an application to the Údarás. If no such organisation has applied to the Údarás, the area concerned may be excluded from the Gaeltacht by Ministerial Order under section 7(10) of the Act.

Preparation of language plans

- A period of up to 2 years, from the date on which Údarás na Gaeltachta selects the organisations, will be given to submit language plans to the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for assessment in accordance with the prescribed language planning criteria.
- Údarás na Gaeltachta will be responsible for providing support to the selected organisations in preparing language plans. When the language plans have been prepared to a standard that is satisfactory to the organisations and Údarás na Gaeltachta, they will be submitted to the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for approval.
- Under section 7(9) of the Act, the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht may extend the period within which the language plan will be submitted to him for approval.

Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas designated by order

- The Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht will assess the language plans submitted to the Minister in accordance with the language planning criteria prescribed under the Act.
- If the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht is satisfied with the standard of the plan submitted to him for approval, the Minister shall make an order under section 7(2) of the Act designating the specified area as a Gaeltacht Language Planning Area.
- If the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht does not approve a language plan submitted to him, and if the Minister is of the opinion that there is no reasonable prospect that an acceptable plan will be submitted, the Minister may request Údarás na Gaeltachta to select another organisation that made an application to the Údarás or if no such organisation has applied to the Údarás, the area concerned may be excluded from the Gaeltacht by Ministerial Order under section 7(13) of the Act.

Implementing language plans

- Following the approval by the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht of the language plans, the selected organisations will have 7 years to implement the language plans with assistance from Údarás na Gaeltachta.
- Support will be available to the selected organisations primarily in the form of expertise and advice from Údarás na Gaeltachta. In addition, Údarás na Gaeltachta may provide funding to the selected organisations, provided that such resources are available.

Monitoring the implementation of the language plans

- The Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht will periodically review the implementation of the plans during the 7 year period. It is intended to carry out an interim review of each language plan and that will usually be done in year 3 of implementation. It is also intended to carry out a final review of each language plan and that will usually be undertaken in year 6 of implementation. The Department retains the right to carry out a review at various periods, or more frequently than the periods specified here, if a need for such is recognised.
- The language planning process is an iterative process which will be renewed at the end of each 7-year implementation cycle. If the language plan is being implemented to the satisfaction of the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, the language planning process and the application process to Údarás na Gaeltachta to select organisations for the next cycle will recommence.
- If a language plan is not being implemented to the satisfaction of the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, the Minister will formally ask the selected organisation to remedy identified shortcomings in the plan within a specified period of time under section 8(4) of the Act. The Minister may extend the period within which the shortcomings in the plan are remedied under section 8(5) of the Act.
- If the Minister is of the opinion that there is no reasonable prospect that the language plan will be implemented or implemented adequately, the Minister may

by order exclude the area concerned from the Gaeltacht, having consulted with Údarás na Gaeltachta under section 8(7) of the Act.

GAELTACHT SERVICE TOWNS

Gaeltacht Service Towns are towns in, or adjacent to, Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas which play a significant role in the delivery of public services and leisure, social and commercial amenities to the community of those areas. Under the Act, a town must have a population of at least 1,000, according to the most recent census, to be included as a Gaeltacht Service Town. Recognition under the Act will be given to Gaeltacht Service towns providing that language plans have been agreed with the communities of the various towns in accordance with the prescribed language planning criteria.

Depending on whether the town is situated within a Gaeltacht Language Planning Area or outside of it, Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge are responsible under the Act for supporting organisations in the preparation and implementation of language plans in the Gaeltacht Service Towns. It may be the case that a particular town may be included as part of a Gaeltacht Language Planning Area and also as a Gaeltacht Service Town on its own. In such a case, a language plan would have to be prepared and implemented in the case of the area, including the town, to attain recognition as a Gaeltacht Language Planning Area. In addition, a language plan would have to be prepared and implemented in the case of the town in order to attain recognition as a Gaeltacht Service Town.

The various steps under the language planning process in the case of the Gaeltacht Service Towns are set out below

Consultation Process

- The Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht will organise a consultation process regarding the selection of the most appropriate towns to be recognised under the Act as Gaeltacht Service Towns.
- On completion of this process, the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht will decide on the selection of the towns concerned as Gaeltacht Service Towns providing that language plans have been agreed with the communities of the various towns in accordance with the prescribed language planning criteria.

Notices regarding the Gaeltacht Service Towns

- Under section 9(2) of the Act, the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht will publish a notice in the case of the selected towns stating that it is his intention to designate them by order as Gaeltacht Service Towns. Such notices will specify the period within which organisations may apply to Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as appropriate, to be selected as organisations to undertake the language planning process in the towns concerned, and the period within which language plans will be prepared and submitted to the Minister for approval.
- Under section 9(4) of the Act, the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht may publish a further notice if no organisation has applied under section 9(2) of the Act.
- A notices will be published periodically when organisations are ready to apply to Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as may be appropriate, and when Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge are ready to assist the selected organisations in undertaking the language planning process in the various towns.

Selection of organisations to undertake the language planning process

- Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge will be responsible for selecting organisations to prepare and implement language plans in the Gaeltacht

Service Towns, depending on whether the town is situated within a Gaeltacht Language Planning Area or outside of it. The selected organisations will be based in the various towns concerned.

- Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as appropriate, will be responsible for the development of a transparent application process under which organisations with the appropriate experience and skills will be selected to prepare and implement language plans in the various towns.
- The organisations will be selected for the entire period of the language planning cycle, i.e. up to 2 years to prepare a plan and 7 years to implement a plan. At the end of that cycle, another application process will be announced to select organisations for the next cycle.
- If a selected organisation fails to prepare a language plan and if the Minister is of the opinion that there is no reasonable prospect that the organisation can prepare such a plan within a reasonable time, the Minister may request Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as may be appropriate, to select another organisation that made an application to the Údarás or to the Foras or the Minister may publish another notice under section 9(10) of the Act.

Preparation of language plans

- A period of up to 2 years, from the date on which Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as may be appropriate, select the organisations, will be given to submit language plans to the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for assessment in accordance with the prescribed language planning criteria.
- Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as may be appropriate, will be responsible for supporting the selected organisations in preparing language plans. When the language plans have been prepared to a standard that is satisfactory to the organisations and Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as appropriate, they will be submitted to the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for approval.

- Under section 9(9) of the Act, the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht can extend the period within which the language plan will be submitted to him for approval.

Designating Gaeltacht Service Towns by order

- The Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht will assess the language plans submitted to the Minister in accordance with the language planning criteria prescribed under the Act.
- If the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht is satisfied with the standard of the plan submitted to him for approval, the Minister shall make an order under section 9(1) of the Act designating the specified town as a Gaeltacht Service Town.
- If the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht does not approve the language plan submitted to him, and if the Minister is of the opinion that there is no reasonable prospect that an acceptable plan will be submitted to him, the Minister may request Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge to select another organisation that made an application to the Údarás or to the Foras or he may publish another notice under section 9(13) of the Act.

Implementing language plans

- Following the approval by the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht of the language plans, the selected organisations will have 7 years to implement the language plans with the assistance of Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as appropriate.
- Support will be available to the selected organisations primarily in the form of expertise and advice from Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as may be appropriate. In addition, Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as may be appropriate, may provide funding to the selected organisations, subject to available resources

Monitoring the implementation of the language plans

- The Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht will periodically review the implementation of the plans during the 7 year period. It is intended to carry out an interim review of each language plan and that will usually be done in year 3 of implementation. It is also intended to carry out a final review of each language plan and that will usually be done in year 6 of implementation. The Department retains the right to carry out a review at various periods, or more frequently than the periods specified here, if a need for such is recognised.
- The language planning process is an iterative process which will be renewed at the end of each 7-year implementation cycle. If the language plan is being implemented to the satisfaction of the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, the language planning process and the application process to Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as may be appropriate, to select organisations for the next cycle of the process will recommence.
- If a language plan is not being implemented to the satisfaction of the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, the Minister will formally ask the selected organisation to remedy identified shortcomings within a specified period of time under section 10(4) of the Act. The Minister may extend the period within which the shortcomings in the plan are remedied under section 10(5) of the Act.
- If the Minister is of the opinion that there is no reasonable prospect that the language plan will be implemented or implemented adequately, the Minister may by order revoke the designation of the town concerned as a Gaeltacht Service Town, having consulted with Údarás na Gaeltachta or Foras na Gaeilge, as may be appropriate, under section 10(7) of the Act.

IRISH LANGUAGE NETWORKS

Irish-Language Networks are areas which have achieved a basic critical mass of community and State support for the Irish language. Recognition under the Act will be given to Irish Language Networks providing that language plans have been agreed with the communities of the various networks in accordance with the prescribed language planning criteria. Foras na Gaeilge is responsible under the Act for supporting organisations with regard to the preparation and implementation of the language plans in the Irish Language Networks.

These steps are to be taken in the following order under the language planning process in the case of the Irish Language Networks:

Selection of organisations to undertake the language planning process

- Foras na Gaeilge will be responsible for selecting organisations to prepare and implement language plans in the Irish Language Networks. The selected organisations will be based in the various networks concerned.
- Foras na Gaeilge will be responsible for the development of a transparent application process under which organisations with the appropriate experience and skills will be selected to undertake the language planning process in the various networks.
- The organisations will be selected for the entire period of the language planning cycle, i.e. up to 2 years to prepare a plan and 7 years to implement a plan. At the end of that cycle, another application process will be announced to select organisations for the next cycle.

Preparation of language plans

- A period of up to 2 years, from the date on which Foras na Gaeilge selects the organisations, will be given to submit language plans to the Department of

Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for assessment in accordance with the prescribed language planning criteria.

- Foras na Gaeilge will be responsible for providing support to the selected organisations in preparing language plans. When the language plans have been prepared to a standard that is satisfactory to the organisations and Foras na Gaeilge, they will be submitted to the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for approval.

Designating Irish Language Networks by order

- The Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht will assess the language plans submitted to the Minister in accordance with the language planning criteria prescribed under the Act.
- If the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht is satisfied with the standard of the plan submitted to him for approval, the Minister shall make an order under section 11(1) of the Act designating the specified network as an Irish Language Network.

Implementing language plans

- Following the approval by the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht of the language plans, the selected organisations will have 7 years to implement the language plans with assistance from Foras na Gaeilge.
- Support will be available to the selected organisations primarily in the form of expertise and advice from Foras na Gaeilge. In addition, Foras na Gaeilge may provide funding to the selected organisations, provided that such resources are available.

Monitoring the implementation of the language plans

- The Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht will periodically review the implementation of the plans during the 7 year period. It is intended to carry out an interim review of each language plan and that will usually be done in year 3 of implementation. It is also intended to carry out a final review of each language

plan and that will usually be done in year 6 of implementation. The Department retains the right to carry out a review at various periods, or more frequently than the periods specified here, if a need for such is recognised.

- The language planning process is an iterative process which will be renewed at the end of each 7-year implementation cycle. If the language plan is being implemented to the satisfaction of the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, the language planning process and the application process to Foras na Gaeilge to select organisations for the next cycle will recommence.
- If a language plan is not being implemented to the satisfaction of the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, the Minister will formally ask the selected organisation to remedy identified shortcomings within a specified period of time under section 11(6) of the Act. The Minister may extend the period within which the shortcomings in the plan are remedied under section 11(7) of the Act.
- If the Minister is of the opinion that there is no reasonable prospect that the language plan will be implemented or implemented adequately, the Minister may by order revoke the designation of the network concerned as an Irish Language Network, having consulted with Foras na Gaeilge under section 11(9) of the Act.

7. FURTHER INFORMATION

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Publications

- [Gaeltacht Act](#)
- [20-Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010-2030](#)
- [Comprehensive Linguistic Study of the Use of Irish in the Gaeltacht](#)
- [Implementation plans of the Government Departments under the Strategy](#)

APPENDIX 1: LANGUAGE PLANNING CRITERIA

REGULATIONS

entitled

Gaeltacht Act 2012 (Section 12) Regulations 2013

S.I. No. 357 of 2013

I, DONNCHADH MAC FHIONNLAOICH, Minister of State at the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 3 and 12 of the Gaeltacht Act 2012 (No. 34 of 2012) and the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) Order 2013 (S.I. No. 94 of 2013), hereby make the following Regulations:

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Gaeltacht Act 2012 (Section 12) Regulations 2013.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations -

“Act of 1998” means the Education Act 1998 (No. 51 of 1998);

“Act of 2012” means the Gaeltacht Act 2012 (No. 34 of 2012);

“English-medium” in relation to the delivery, provision or operation of services, education or activities means the delivery, provision or operation of such services, education or activities through the English language;

“Irish-medium” in relation to the delivery, provision or operation of services, education or activities means the delivery, provision or operation of such services, education or activities through the Irish language;

“relevant area” means an area that is the subject of a notice under section 7(3) of the Act of 2012;

“relevant community” means a community which the Minister may by order designate to be an Irish Language Network under section 11(1) of the Act of 2012;

“relevant town” means a town that is the subject of a notice under section 9(2) of the Act of 2012.

Language Planning Criteria for Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas

3. The criteria specified in Part 1 of the Schedule are prescribed as language planning criteria to which the Minister shall have regard for the purpose of approving Irish language plans for Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas.

Language Planning Criteria for Gaeltacht Service Towns

4. The criteria specified in Part 2 of the Schedule are prescribed as language planning criteria to which the Minister shall have regard for the purpose of approving Irish language plans for Gaeltacht Service Towns.

Language Planning Criteria for Irish Language Networks

5. The criteria specified in Part 3 of the Schedule are prescribed as language planning criteria to which the Minister shall have regard for the purpose of approving Irish language plans for Irish Language Networks.

SCHEDULE

Part 1

Language Planning Criteria for Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas

1. The existence of an organisation, selected by Údarás na Gaeltachta under subsection (6), (10)(a) or (13)(a), as appropriate, of section 7 of the Act of 2012, to prepare and implement the language plan in the relevant area.
2. The proportion of the population for which Irish is the spoken language in the relevant area, having regard to the impact of demographic, economic and social factors on the relevant area.
3. The arrangements specified for the provision of Irish-medium services in the relevant area.
4. The provisions of the Act of 1998 being used, as appropriate, to support the Irish language in the relevant area, having regard in particular to paragraphs (i) and (j) of section 6 of that Act.
5. The availability of Irish-medium primary and post-primary education in the relevant area, in accordance with the policy of the Department of Education and Skills, including the availability of Irish-medium streams in English-medium schools and the teaching of a number of subjects through the Irish language in English-medium schools, as appropriate.
6. The existence of appropriate language policies within the school environment which support the use of the Irish language as a spoken language outside of the education system in the relevant area.
7. The availability of appropriate Irish-medium childcare, pre-school and family support services, including language support services, in the relevant area.
8. The existence of appropriate arrangements in the relevant area to support the use of the Irish language by children from families where Irish is not the spoken language of the home.
9. The existence of appropriate arrangements in the relevant area to support the learning of Irish by pre-school children, with a view to supporting enrolment in Irish-medium primary schools.
10. The availability of appropriate Irish-medium social activities for young people and for other age groups and the existence of appropriate language policies with regard to those activities in the relevant area.
11. The availability of appropriate opportunities in the relevant area to learn and use the Irish language outside of the education system.
12. The degree of usage of the Irish language socially and recreationally in the relevant area.
13. The existence of companies and businesses providing Irish-medium services to the community in the relevant area.
14. The existence of employment and recruitment policies being implemented by companies and businesses in the relevant area in a manner that ensures that they are capable of providing Irish-medium services.

15. The degree of usage of the Irish language by community organisations and co-operatives in the relevant area.
16. The degree of usage of the Irish language by local media in the relevant area.
17. The relevant provisions of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2013 being used to support the Irish language in the relevant area.
18. The availability of Irish-medium public services in the relevant area.
19. The degree of support from the public in general in the relevant area for the language plan.

Part 2

Language Planning Criteria for Gaeltacht Service Towns

1. The existence of an organisation, selected by Údarás na Gaeltachta or by Foras na Gaeilge, as the case may be, under subsection (5), (6), (10)(a) or (13)(a), as appropriate, of section 9 of the Act of 2012 to prepare and implement the language plan in the relevant town.
2. The proportion of the population for which Irish is the spoken language in the relevant town, having regard to the impact of demographic, economic and social factors on the relevant town.
3. The arrangements specified for the provision of Irish-medium services in the relevant town.
4. The provisions of the Act of 1998 being used, as appropriate, to support the Irish language in the relevant town, having regard in particular to paragraphs (i) and (j) of section 6 of that Act.
5. The availability of Irish-medium primary and post-primary education in the relevant town, in accordance with the policy of the Department of Education and Skills, including the availability of Irish-medium streams in English-medium schools and the teaching of a number of subjects through the Irish language in English-medium schools, as appropriate.
6. The existence of appropriate language policies within the school environment which support the use of the Irish language as a spoken language outside of the education system in the relevant town.
7. The availability of appropriate Irish-medium childcare, pre-school and family support services, including language support services, in the relevant town.
8. The availability of appropriate Irish-medium social activities for young people and for other age groups and the existence of appropriate language policies with regard to those activities in the relevant town.
9. The availability of appropriate opportunities in the relevant town to learn and use the Irish language outside of the education system.

10. The degree of usage of the Irish language socially and recreationally in the relevant town.
11. The degree of usage of the Irish language in the business sector in the relevant town.
12. The degree of usage of the Irish language by local media in the relevant town.
13. The relevant provisions of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2013 being used to support the Irish language in the relevant town.
14. The availability of Irish-medium public services in the relevant town.
15. The degree of support from the public in general in the relevant town for the language plan.

Part 3

Language Planning Criteria for Irish Language Networks

1. The existence of an organisation, which Foras na Gaeilge considers to be representative of the community under section 11(3) of the Act of 2012, to prepare and implement the language plan in the relevant community.
2. The proportion of the population for which Irish is the spoken language in the relevant community, having regard to the impact of demographic, economic and social factors on the relevant community.
3. The arrangements specified for the provision of Irish-medium services in the relevant community.
4. The provisions of the Act of 1998 being used, as appropriate, to support the Irish language in the relevant community, having regard in particular to paragraphs (i) and (j) of section 6 of that Act.
5. The availability of Irish-medium primary and post-primary education in the relevant community, in accordance with the policy of the Department of Education and Skills, including the availability of Irish-medium streams in English-medium schools and the teaching of a number of subjects through the Irish language in English-medium schools, as appropriate.
6. The existence of appropriate language policies within the school environment which support the use of the Irish language as a spoken language outside of the education system in the relevant community.
7. The availability of appropriate Irish-medium childcare, pre-school and family support services, including language support services, in the relevant community.
8. The availability of appropriate Irish-medium social activities for young people and for other age groups and the existence of appropriate language policies with regard to those activities in the relevant community.

9. The availability of appropriate opportunities in the relevant community to learn and use the Irish language outside of the education system.
10. The degree of usage of the Irish language socially and recreationally in the relevant community.
11. The degree of usage of the Irish language in the business sector in the relevant community.
12. The degree of usage of the Irish language by local media in the relevant community.
13. The relevant provisions of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2013 being used to support the Irish language in the relevant community.
14. The availability of Irish-medium public services in the relevant community.
15. The degree of support from the public in general in the relevant community for the language plan.

GIVEN under my hand,

17 September 2013

DONNCHADH MAC FHIONNLAOICH

Minister of State at the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

APPENDIX 2: GAELTACHT LANGUAGE PLANNING AREAS

Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas

Co. Donegal

1. North Donegal
2. Gaoth Dobhair, Rann na Feirste, Anagaire and Loch an Iúir
3. Cloich Chionnaola, Gort an Choirce, An Fál Carrach and Machaire Rabhartaigh
4. Na Rosa
5. Árainn Mhór
6. An Ghaeltacht Láir
7. South Donegal
8. Toraigh

Co. Mayo.

1. North Mayo
2. West Mayo

Co. Galway

1. Oileáin Árann
2. Ceantar na nOileán
3. An Cheathrú Rua
4. Conamara Láir
5. Dúiche Sheoigheach and Tuar Mhic Éadaigh
6. Cois Fharraigne
7. Maigh Cuilinn
8. Bearna and Cnoc na Cathrach
9. Galway City East
10. An tEachréidh

Co. Kerry

1. West Kerry
2. South Kerry

Co. Cork.

1. Múscraí
2. Cléire

Co. Waterford

1. Na Déise

Co. Meath

1. Ráth Chairn and Baile Ghib

Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas

County Donegal

North Donegal

1. The following electoral division areas: Ros Goill.
2. That part of the electoral division area of Caisleán na dTuath which consists of the following townlands: Doire Fada, Droim na Coilleadh and Droim Miasan.
3. That part of the electoral division area of Carraig Airt which consists of the following townlands: Carraig Airt, Gleann Cheo and Gort na Brád.
4. That part of the electoral division area of Na Ceathrú Caoile which consists of the following townlands: Na Mínte.
5. That part of the electoral division area of Cnoc Colbha which consists of the following townlands: Bun na Toinne, An Cheathrú Riabhach, An Leargain Bhreac, Na Mínte Móra and Tír Leadáin.
6. That part of the electoral division area of An Craoslach which consists of the following townlands: Críonaire, Droim na Coradh, Droim Liafala and Droim na Rátha.
7. That part of the electoral division area of Creamhghort which consists of the following townlands: An Charraig, Droim Mhic an Leadra, Duibhleann Mór, Duibhleann Riach and Tulach.
8. That part of the electoral division area of Críoch na Sméar which consists of the following townlands: An Ghlaic and Glasán.
9. That part of the electoral division area of Grianfort which consists of the following townlands: Cionn Droma and Cúl Baic.
10. That part of the electoral division area of Fánaid Thiar which consists of the following townlands: Baile Uí Fhuaruisce, An Caiseal, Dumhaigh Mhór, Fál Aonaosa, An Glaidhb, Gort na Trá, An Seisíoch, Tulaigh Chonaill and Islands in Bá na Maoile Rua.
11. That part of the electoral division area of Fánaid Thuaidh which consists of the following townlands: Baile an Chnoic agus Baile na Brocaí, Baile na Loiste, Baile Mhicheáil, Baile Thiarnáin, An Baile Úr, Cionn an Locha, Cúl an Doire, Dumhaigh Bhig, Earra Thíre na Binne, Fán an Bhualtaigh, Machaire Dromann, Machaire Leacht, An Mhoirinn, Pollaid, An Rinn Bhuí, An Rinn

Mhór, Seanach Dubh, Sliabh Chúl an Doire, Tuaim, Tulaigh na Dála and eight small offshore islands.

12. That part of the electoral division area of Loch Caol which consists of the following townlands: An Ghabhail.
13. That part of the electoral division area of An Tearmann which consists of the following townlands: Baile Bun an Abair, An Bearnas Íochtarach, An Bearnas Uachtarach, An Curraoin, Droim Díomhaoín, Droim Eochaille, Na Fánaibh and An Srath Greadaithe.
14. That part of the electoral division area of Gartán which consists of the following townlands: Allt na dTadhg and Sliabh na Cloigne Thuaidh.
15. That part of the electoral division area of Mín an Lábáin which consists of the following townlands: Ard an Chrainn, Baile an Scáile, Carraig an Tiompáin, Cnoc an Stualaire, Corr na gCuileann, Loch Beara nó An Cruaichín, Droim na bhFuath, Droim Salach, Droim na Searrach, Gleann Domhain Beag, Ionascail, Mín an Ghainimh, Na Polláin Dhubha, An Srath Mór and An Srath Mór Uachtarach.

Gaoth Dobhair, Rann na Feirste, Anagaire and Loch an Iúir

1. The following electoral division areas: Machaire Chlochair, Cró Bheithe.
2. That part of the electoral division area of Anagaire which consists of the following townlands: Anagaire, An Coillín Darach, Doire na Mainséar, Droim na Ceárta, Sliabh Dhroim na Ceárta, Loch an Iúir, Mín Doire na Slua, Mín na Leice and Rann na Feirste.
3. That part of the electoral division area of Dún Lúiche which consists of the following townlands: Alltán, Na Beanna Gorma, Dún Lúiche Íochtarach, Dún Lúiche Uachtarach, Muine Beag, Muine Mór, Sliabh na Cloigne Thuaidh, Mín na gCopóg, Sliabh Dhroim na Luifearnaí, Cró an Locháin and Cró na gCaorach.
4. That part of the electoral division area of Mín an Chladaigh which consists of the following townlands: An Charraig, Bun na Leaca, Cnoc Fola, An Chormhín, An Ghlaisigh, Inis Meáin, Mín an Chladaigh and Inis Oirthir (not including Toraigh).
5. That part of the electoral division area of Gort an Choirce which consists of the following townlands: Glaise Chú.

Cloich Chionnaola, Gort an Choirce, An Fál Carrach and Machaire Rabhartaigh

1. That part of the electoral division area of Gort an Choirce which consists of the following townlands: An Ardaidh Bheag, An Ardaidh Mhór, Baile na Creige, Caoldroim Íochtarach, Caoldroim Uachtarach, Doire Chonaire, Fána Bhuí, Gort an Choirce, Inis Beag, Inis Bó Finne, Machaire Uí Rabhartaigh, Mín Lárach, Oileán Dúiche, Sliabh Mhachaire Uí Rabhartaigh, Sliabh na hArdadh Móire.
2. That part of the electoral division area of Dún Lúiche which consists of the following townlands: An Bhealtaine Íochtarach, An Bhealtaine Uachtarach, Sliabh na Bealtaine, Calhaem, An Caiseal, Caiseal na gCorr, Prochlais, An Sruthán Riach and Tulacha Beigile Thiar.
3. That part of the electoral division area of Na Croisbhealaí which consists of the following townlands: Béal an Átha, Baile na Bó, Baile Chonaill, Baile naCreige Thoir, Baile an Easa, Baile an Teampaill, Bun na dTrí Sruthán, An Cheathrú Cheanainn, Cill Ulta, Cluain Báire, DoireUí Fhríl, Droim na Tine, Droim na Tine Uachtarach, Duibhlinn nó Barr Bhaile Chonaill, An Dún Mór, An Fál Carrach, An Glaidhb, Maigh Ráithe, Mín Chúil an tSeascainn, Duibhleann Riach, Sliabh Bhaile na Bó, Sliabh Bhaile an Easa, Tulacha Beigile Thoir and offshore islands.
4. That part of the electoral division area of Dún Fionnachaidh which consists of the following townlands: Oirear Dhumhaí Beag and Oirear Dhumhaí Mór.

Na Rosa

1. The following electoral division areas: Inis Mhic an Doirn, An Clochán Liath, Leitir Mhic an Bhaird and An Machaire.
2. That part of the electoral division area of Anagaire which consists of the following townlands: An Bhráid, An Dún Mór, An Carn Buí, An Charraig Fhinn, Gort Lios Saighead, Mín Doire Ghabhann, Mullach Dearg, Sliabh Mhullach Dearg, Mullach Dubh Thuaidh and Mullach Dubh Theas.

Árainn Mhór

1. The following electoral division areas: Árainn Mhór.

An Ghaeltacht Láir

1. The following electoral division areas: Baile na Finne, An Dúchoraidh, Gleann Léithín and An Ghrafaidh.

2. That part of the electoral division area of Allt na Péiste which consists of the following townlands: Baile Uí Chiaragáin, An Bhinn Dubh, An Bhinn Mhór, An Caiseal, Carraig Mhathúna, Cruach Leac, Cró na Ceithirne, An Deargchruach, Droim Dhoire Dhúnáin, Machaire an Chlaí, Srath an Ghallaigh, An Sruthán Garbh, An Sruthán Giobach, An Tóin Dubh and An Tóin Dubh (Thompson).
3. That part of the electoral division area of An Bhinn Bhán which consists of the following townlands: Cró na Sliabh, Cró an Chaorthainn, Luach na mBróg, Mín Chloiche Sparra and Mín an Ghiúis Mhór.
4. That part of the electoral division area of An Clochán which consists of the following townlands: An Ailt Leathan, Ailt an tSneachta, Ard Bata, Baile na mBan, An Bhrocaigh, Buailte Pádraig, An Clochán Beag, An Chluain Chlaíoch, Cill Ráin, An Coimín, Cró na Doinne, An Fál Garbh, An Ghallbhuaile, An Gharbháin, Glaisigh Daibhéid, An Ghlaiseach Bheag, An Ghlaiseach Mhór, Leitir Bric, Mín an Laig, Mín Ghiolla Charraigh and Srath na Bratóige.
5. That part of the electoral division area of Na Gleannta which consists of the following townlands: Bun Crúbóige, Corr na nGriollach, Doire Luacháin, Droim an Locha, Dúbinn, Dúrian, Mín an Fháil, Mín an Leargáin, An Mullán Mór, An Sealgán Beag, An Srath Buí, An Srath Salach and Tulaigh na gCloigeann.
6. That part of the electoral division area of Loch Iascaigh which consists of the following townlands: An tSruthail.
7. That part of the electoral division area of Mín Charraigeach which consists of the following townlands: Carraig an Langáin and An Chomairce.
8. That part of the electoral division area of Suí Corr which consists of the following townlands: Mín na bPoll and Mín an tSionnaigh.

South Donegal

1. The following electoral division areas: Cill Charthaigh, Cill Ghabhlaigh, Cró Chaorach, Gleann Cholm Cille, Inis Caoil and Málainn Bhig.
2. That part of the electoral division area of Ard an Rátha which consists of the following townlands: Carraig an tSléibhe and An Srath Uachtair.
3. That part of the electoral division area of Gleann Gheis which consists of the following townlands: Áighe, Gleann Gheis, Mín na Coilleadh, Mín na Gualanna, Mín na bPoll, Mín na Téighe, Mínte Seisce and Sceadamán.

4. That part of the electoral division area of An Leargaidh Mhór which consists of the following townlands: Baile Mún, Cró na Saileach, An Chruach Bheag, Droim na Fiongaile, Gort Sháile, Leirg an Dachtaín, Leitir, Mín Uí Chanann, Mínte Caoracháin, Mucros, An Rualach, Srath Bruithne Íochtarach, Srath Bruithne Uachtarach, An Tamhnaigh and Iomascán.
5. That part of the electoral division area of Maol Mosóg which consists of the following townlands: Allt na gCapall, An Caiseal, Cnoc na gCapall, Cró an Chaorthainn, Mín an Bhealaigh, Mín Ghiolla Charraigh and Maol Mosóg.

Toraigh

1. That part of the electoral division area of Mín an Chladaigh which consists of the following townlands: Toraigh.

County Mayo

North Mayo

1. The following electoral division areas: Béal an Mhuirthead, Cnoc na Lobhar, Cnoc na Ráithe, An Geata Mór Theas, An Geata Mór Thuaidh, Gleann Chaisil, Na Monga, Barr Rúscaí, Béal Deirg Mór, Cnoc an Daimh, Gleann na Muaidhe and Moing na Bó.
2. That part of the electoral division area of Guala Mór in County Mayo which consists of the following townlands: Troiste.

West Mayo

1. The following electoral division areas: Acaill, An Corrán and Dumha Éige.

County Galway

Oileáin Árann

1. The following electoral division area: Árainn.

Ceantar na nOileán

1. The following electoral division areas: Garmna and Leitir Móir.

An Cheathrú Rua

1. The following electoral division areas: An Cromptán..

Conamara Láir

1. The following electoral division areas: Camas, Cill Chuimín (Uachtar Ard), An Turlach, Abhainn Ghabhla, An Cnoc Buí and Scainimh.
2. That part of the electoral division area of Maíros in County Galway which consists of the following townlands: Dún Riacháin, An Gharmain, Leitheadach Theas, Lios Uachtair and An Tamhnach Mhór.
3. That part of the electoral division area of Cloch na Rón in County Galway which consists of the following townlands: Inis Ní, Iorras Beag Thiar and Iorras Beag Thoir.

Dúiche Sheoigheach and Tuar Mhic Éadaigh

1. The following electoral division areas: Conga, An Chorr, An Fhairche, An Ros, An Uillinn, Abhainn Bhrain, Baile an Chalaídh and An Cheapaigh Dhuibh.
2. That part of the electoral division area of Binn an Choire in County Galway which consists of the following townlands: Bearna na nEang, Barr na nÓrán, Doire Fhada Thiar, Doire na bhFlann, Imleach Dhá Rú, Fionasclainn, Gleann Eidhneach, Gleann Chóchan, Leitir Seithe, Leitirí and Log an Tairbh.
3. That part of the electoral division area of Leitir Breacáin in County Galway which consists of the following townlands: Bun an Mheascáin, Cartrún an Phóna, Na Cnocáin Bhána, An Doirín, Na Grigíneacha, Na Lí, Muintir Eoghain Láir, Muintir Eoghain Thiar and Muintir Eoghain Thoir.
4. That part of the electoral division area of Baile Óbha in County Galway which consists of the following townlands: Doire Easa, Gort Bhun an Chuilinn, An Seanbhaile Ard, An Seanghort and An Tamhnaigh.
5. That part of the electoral division area of Partraí in County Mayo which consists of the following townlands: An tSraith.
6. That part of the electoral division area of Tamhnaigh na Graí in County Mayo which consists of the following townlands: Coimín Dhoire an Daimh Dheirg, Doire an Daimh Dheirg and Doirín na Scaibe.

Cois Fharraige

1. The following electoral division areas: Cill Chuimín (Gaillimh), Sailearna, Cill Aithnín, An Spidéal and Na Forbacha.

Maigh Cuilinn

1. The following electoral division areas: Maigh Cuilinn and Sliabh an Aonaigh.
2. That part of the electoral division area of Tulaigh Mhic Aodháin in County Galway which consists of the following townlands: Baile Dóite, Ceathrú an Loistreáin, Cluain na Binne, Cnoc an tSeanbhaile, Cill Ráine, Droma Bheag, Gort an Chalaídh, Gort Uí Lochlainn, Liagán and Tulaigh Mhic Aodháin.

Bearna and Cnoc na Cathrach

1. That part of the electoral division area of Bearna in County Galway which consists of the following townlands: Áth an Ghlugair, Na hAcráí Corra, An Aill, An tÁth Buí, Áit Tí Seonac, An Baile Ard Thiar, An Baile Ard Thoir, An Baile Nua, Baile an Bhrúnaigh, An Bhuaille Bheag Thiar, An Bhuaille Bheag Thoir, Buaille na Sruthán, An Chloch Scoilte, Cnoc Odhráin, Cnoc na Cathrach, An Chorrhbhuaille (Lynch), An Chorrhbhuaille (Morgan), Corr Chuilinn, An Droim Thiar, An Droim Thoir, Na Foraí Maola Thiar, Na Foraí Maola Thoir, Rinn na Mara, An Leac Liath, An Léana Riabhach, Lisín an Chaoráin, Loch Inse, An Pollach, An Chéibh, Tóin na Brocaí, Troscaigh Thiar and Troscaigh Thoir.
2. That part of the electoral division area of Bearna in urban Galway which consists of the following townlands: An Cheapach, Baile na hAbhann, Baile na mBúrcach, An Léana Bodhar, An Coimín Mór, Baile an Mhóinín Thoir, Cluain na nGabhar (part), Gort na Leice, An Seanbhaile Dubh (part), Seanghort (part), Bearna (part) and Baile an Mhóinín Thiar.
3. That part of the electoral division area of Cnoc na Cathrach in urban Galway which consists of the following townlands: Cluain na nGabhar (part), An Seanbhaile Dubh (part), Seanghort (part), Bearna (part) and An Roisín.

Galway City East

1. That part of the electoral division area of Baile an Bhriotaigh in urban Galway which consists of the following townlands: An Caisleán Gearr (part) and An Pháirc Mhór.
2. That part of the electoral division area of An Caisleán Gearr in urban Galway which consists of the following townlands: An Chaisleáin Ghearr (part), Baile an Dúlaigh (part) and Baile an Phoill (part).
3. That part of the electoral division area of Mionlach in urban Galway which consists of the following townlands: An Caisleán Gearr (part), Baile an Dúlaigh (part), Baile an Phoill (part), Cúil Each, Mionlach and Tír Oileáin (part).

4. That part of the electoral division area of San Nioclás in urban Galway which consists of the following townlands: Tír Oileáin (part).

An tEachréidh

1. The following electoral division areas: Baile Chláir, An Carn Mór and Eanach Dhúin (Galway).
2. That part of the electoral division area of Baile an Teampaill in County Galway which consists of the following townlands: Baile an Gharráin and An Poll Caoin.
3. That part of the electoral division area of Ceathrú an Bhrúnaigh in County Galway which consists of the following townlands: Ceathrú an Bhrúnaigh, An Chluain, Cluain Mhic Cáinín, Coill Uachtair, Gort an Chalaídh, Pollach Riabhach, Saighleán and Sceach Liag.
4. That part of the electoral division area of Leacach Beag in County Galway which consists of the following townlands: Cill Torróg and Na Croisíní.
5. That part of the electoral division area of Lisín an Bhealaigh in County Galway which consists of the following townlands: An Carn Mór Thoir.

County Kerry

West Kerry

1. The following electoral division areas: Cill Chuáin, Cill Maoilchéadair, Cinn Aird, Daingean Uí Chúis, Dún Chaoin, Dún Urlann, Ceann Trá, Na Gleannta, Márthain, An Mhin Aird, An Baile Dubh, An Clochán and Cé Bhréanainn.
2. That part of the electoral division area of An tSráidbhaile in County Kerry which consists of the following townlands: Fearann Dealúigh, Formaoil and An Scragán.

South Kerry

1. The following electoral division areas: Baile an Sceilg, Doire Ianna, Toghroinn Fhíonáin and Máistir Gaoithe.
2. That part of the electoral division area of An Baile Breac which consists of the following townlands: Na Cáintíní, Gort na Meacanaí, Na Grága, Inse

Fhearann na gCléireach, Íochtar Cua, An Seachnoc, Na Tuairíní and Tuairín Uí Dhuinnín.

3. That part of the electoral division area of Na Beathacha in County Kerry which consists of the following townlands: Oileán Buí
4. That part of the electoral division area of Cathair Dónall in County Kerry which consists of the following townlands: Com na hEorna Thiar, Com na hEorna Thoir, An Gleann Beag, Gort na Cille and An Ráth.
5. That part of the electoral division area of Ceannúch in County Kerry which consists of the following townlands: Bun an Doirín, Caol an Phréacháin Thiar, Caol an Phréacháin Thoir, Ceannúigh, Cill Mhic Iarainn Thiar, Cill Mhic Iarainn Thoir, Cois Chomarach, Com Dhá Stua, Drom Oireach, An Fhail Dronnach, An Inse Bhuí and Málainn.
6. That part of the electoral division area of Doire Fhíonáin in County Kerry which consists of the following townlands: Baile Fhinn, Cathair na Gaoithe, Com an tSleabhcaín, Doire Fhíonáin Beag, Doire Fhíonáin Mór, An Fearann Iarthach, An Lóthar, An Rinn Iarthach, An Rinnín and Teamhair.
7. That part of the electoral division area of An tImleach in County Kerry which consists of the following townlands: Ceann Eich, An Chluain, Fearann na hAbhann, An Garraí Glas, Imleach Draighneach, Imleach Lao, An tImleach Mór Thiar, An tImleach Mór Thoir, Imleach na Muc, An Mhaoilinn, Meall na hÓn, Moing Uí Dhúda, An Mhuiríoch, An Rinn Rua and An Tulaigh.
8. That part of the electoral division area of Loch Luíoch in County Kerry which consists of the following townlands: An Chathair Bhearnach, Clochbhuaile, Na Comáin and An Gleann Beag.
9. That part of the electoral division area of Trian Iarthach in County Kerry which consists of the following townlands: Formaoil and Sosadh.

County Cork

Múscraí

1. The following electoral division areas: Doire Fhínín, Gort na Tiobhratan, An Sliabh Riabhach, Na hUláin and Ceann Droma.

2. That part of the electoral division area of Béal Átha an Ghaorthaidh (Dún Mánmhaí) in County Cork which consists of the following townlands: An Barr Garbh, Caolmhagh Beag, Caolmhagh Mór, Carraig na Muc, An Chlochbhuaile, Cornaire, Doire Mhic Coirnín, Doire Uí Ríordáin Thuaidh, Doirín na Coise, Doirín Dún Aodha, Gaorthadh na Péice, An Inse Bheag, Inse an Osaidh, Inse idir Dhá Aill, An Inse Mhór, Oileán Eidhneach Thiar, Oileán Eidhneach Thoir and An Tuairín Dubh.
3. That part of the electoral division area of Béal Átha an Ghaorthaidh (Maigh Chromtha) in County Cork which consists of the following townlands: An Charraig, An Charraig Bhán, Carraig na Damhaire, Ceapaigh na Mine, Céim Chorrhbhuaile, An Chill Mhór, An Com Dorcha, Na Curraithe, Doire na Buairce, Doire an Chladaigh, Doire an Longaigh, Drom an Ailigh, Goirtín na Coille, Goirtín Eoghain, An Goirtín Fliuch, Gort Luachra, Gort an Phludaigh, Ladhar na Gaoithe, An Leaca Bhán, An Meall Mór, Ros an Locha, An Screathan Mór and Tuairín Leathard.
4. That part of the electoral division area of Cill na Martra in County Cork which consists of the following townlands: Baile Uí Bhuaigh, Cathair Céirín, Coill Fuirseann, Inse na hAmhraí, Pruchas, Brachán, Cluain Clod, An Chúil Cham, Drom an Gharraí, Drom Óinigh, An Drom Réidh, Dún Dea-radhairc, An Seantóir, An Cnoc Rua, Páirc an Oileáin and Seanbhaile Sheáin.
5. That part of the electoral division area of Claonrátha in County Cork which consists of the following townlands: Cathair na Cáithe, Claonráth Theas, Claonráth Thuaidh, Com an Leadhbáin, Doire an Aonaigh, Doire Ghiolla Fhinn, Eachros, Gort na Móna, Mill Mearáin and Ráth Ghaiscígh.

Cléire

1. That part of the electoral division area of Cléire in County Cork which consists of the following townlands: Ardghort, Baile Iarthach Theas, Baile Iarthach Thuaidh, Comalán, Ceathrúna, Cnocán na mBairneach, Cnocán an Choimhthigh, Cill Leice Fórabháin, Coinlín, Crathach Thiar, Crathach Thoir, Gleann Meánach, Gleann Iarthach, Gleann Oirtheach, Gort na Lobhar and Lios Ó Móine.

County Waterford

Na Déise

1. That part of the electoral division area of Baile Mhic Airt in County Waterford which consists of the following townlands: Baile Mhac Airt Íochtarach, Baile na Móna Íochtarach, Baile na Móna Uachtarach, Baile Uí Churraoin Theas, Baile Uí Churraoin Thuaidh, Baile an tSléibhe Theas, Baile an tSléibhe Thuaidh, Baile Uí Threasnáin, An Cnocán Rua, Cruabhaile Íochtarach,

Cruabhaile Uachtarach, Loiscréán, Áthán, Baile na hArda, Baile Mhac Airt Uachtarach, Baile an Aicéadaigh, Baile Mhic Giolla Mhuire, Baile an Róid, Cill Cholmáin, Cnoc na gCapall, Fearann an Lóintigh, An Gabhlán, Na Geataí, An Mhóin Fhionn, Móin an Ghiumhais, Ráth Léad and Sliabh an Ghabhláin.

2. That part of the electoral division area of An Rinn in County Waterford which consists of the following townlands: Baile na Cúirte Theas, Baile na Cúirte Thuaidh, Baile na nGall Beag, Baile na nGall Mór, Baile Uí Raghallaigh, Barr na Stuac, An Carraigín, Cill an Fhuarthainn, Cnoc an Fhréinigh, Cnocán an Phaoraigh Íochtarach, Cnocán an Phaoraigh Uachtarach, An Fhaiche, Gleann an Fhíoruisce, Gort na Daibhche Íochtarach, Gort na Daibhche Uachtarach, Heilbhic, Log na Giumhaisí, An Léith, Maoil an Choirnigh, An Mhóin Bhreac, An Móta, Rath na mBiníneach, An Ré Mheánach, Seanchluain, An tSeanchill, Barr na Léithe, An Coinigéar, An Goirtín, An Ré Dhóite and An Seanbhaile.
3. That part of the electoral division area of Aird Mhór in County Waterford which consists of the following townlands: An Carraigín, An Chúil Rua, Móin na mBráthar, Móin an Fhia, Móin na mBian, Ré na gCloichín, Ré na gCuilí, Na Roisíní, An Scardán and An Screathan.

County Meath

Ráth Chairn and Baile Ghib

1. That part of the electoral division area of Cill Bhríde in County Meath which consists of the following townlands: Cill Bhríde and Tulach Chonóg.
2. That part of the electoral division area of Domhnach Phádraig in County Meath which consists of the following townlands: Baile Ghib, Diméin Bhaile Ghib, Ráth an Tancardaigh, Cluain an Ghaill and Domhnach Phádraig.
3. That part of the electoral division area of An Ráth Mhór in County Meath which consists of the following townlands: Ráth Chairn, Driseog, Doire Longáin and Tlachta.
4. That part of the electoral division area of Tailtean in County Meath which consists of the following townlands: Baile Órthaí and Tailtin.
5. That part of the electoral division area of Baile Átha Buí in County Meath which consists of the following townlands:

APPENDIX 3: SAMPLE MODEL OF A LANGUAGE PLAN

Organisation details	<i>Give details of the structure and resources of the organisation</i>
Steering committee details	<i>Give details of committee members</i>
Area details	<i>Give details of the population and amenities of the area</i>
Aim of the plan	<i>State the strategic aim of the plan</i>
General details of the research	<i>Give details of the research carried out</i>
Priorities that emerged from the research	<i>Give details of the priorities emerging from the research</i>
Field:	<i>Give details of the field of the language planning criteria that applies, for example, education matters</i>
Details of the research that applies to this field	<i>Give details of the research undertaken in this particular field, for example, education matters</i>
Results of the research that applies to this field	<i>Give details of the results of the research</i>
Details of the current situation of the field	<i>Give an account of the current situation of this field in the area, for example, education matters</i>
Analysis of the current	<i>Summarise the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats associated with this field in the area, for example, education matters</i>

situation								
Measures	<i>Give details of the measures proposed under the language plan in this field in the area, for example, education matters</i>							
Aim of the measure	Give details of the aim of the measure							
Give details under the following headings about the particular measure that is proposed								
Main-owner (role of owner)	Interested parties and their particular roles	How will it be implemented?	The expected result	Details of the resources needed	Lifetime of the measure (start date & completion date)	What are the challenges associated with its implementation?	How will these challenges be overcome?	How will the organisation continuously monitor implementation?