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Councillor Gweno Glyn
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Gwynedd Council Language Committee

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Dear Councillor Gweno Glyn,

Re: Gwynedd and Anglesey Joint Local Development Plan 2011-26

We would be grateful if you could draw this letter to the attention of the members of the Gwynedd Council Language Committee at its next meeting.

As you know, considerable concern has been expressed about the above and there has been public criticism of the plan for several reasons. This is a matter which will affect the future of the Welsh language in Gwynedd and Anglesey.

We are writing to you regarding the Gwynedd Council Language Committee's role and function in the process of creating the Local Development Plan.

As you know, the Council intends to submit a consultative draft of the Deposit Plan to the Cabinet next month, and we would be very pleased if you could let us know:

1. How the Language Committee has been scrutinising the process of creating the Local Development Plan to date?
2. How the Language Committee has responded to the obvious shortcomings in the model used to date to assess the impact of the Local Development Plan on the Welsh language? The linguistic impact assessment report contains inconsistencies and contradictions and the conclusions are vague and groundless due to the lack of quantitative evidence. We are certain that you will agree with us that this is a very serious matter which should be rectified without delay.
3. How does the Language Committee scrutinise the Deposit Plan?
4. Is the model used to assess the linguistic impact of the Deposit Plan suitable? This is crucial.

Thank you for your co-operation. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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cc. Cllr Mair Rowlands, Vice-chair