

17th December 2024

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Dear Ioan,

Thank you for sharing your detailed and considered initial advice at such a significant point in our organisation's development, as we develop our first Strategic Plan. In particular, I also want to thank you for the positive engagement we have had with you since our establishment and the manner in which you have developed this advice. It is clear that we share the same values for working collaboratively and the same ambitions for increasing demand for and participation in Welsh-medium education.

Our Board has considered your advice in detail at two of its recent meetings and has accepted the central recommendation that Medr should develop a National Plan for the Welsh language across the tertiary education sector. Our ambition is that this National Plan will: support an increase in the demand for and participation in tertiary education through the medium of Welsh, enable seamless pathways for Welsh medium-education, and create the environment where all learners in tertiary education are encouraged to develop, maintain and use their Welsh language skills.

This recommendation has been reflected in the Strategic Plan that we have recently submitted to Welsh Ministers. As you know, our Strategic Plan has to be approved by Ministers, and we expect to hear from them in the New Year. Subject to the approval of our Strategic Plan, we hope to begin work with you and a range of other stakeholders on the development of a National Plan in the coming months in the collaborative manner you have outlined in your advice. The development of the National Plan will enable us to fully consider your advice in further detail as we explore the best ways to deliver those positive Welsh language outcomes for learners and communities in Wales.

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg, ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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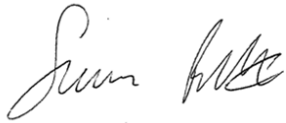
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I will ask colleagues to set up a meeting in the New Year for us to begin discussions on a process for developing the National Plan.

We look forward to continuing our positive relationship with you across all aspects of our work to promote tertiary education through the medium of Welsh over the coming months and years.

Yours sincerely,



Simon Pirotte
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