**COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS COISTE NA GAEILGE**

RÉAMHRÁ

Tá Coiste Gaeilge an Chontae (an Coiste) á chur ar bun mar fhochoiste buan den Choiste Straitéiseach Ealaíon, Cultúir, Gaeilge, Oidhreachta agus Leabharlanna (CPS). Déanfaidh an Coiste maoirseacht ar na polasaithe agus ar nósanna imeachta reatha atá i bhfeidhm d'fhonn an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn sa Chontae. Tá Comhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas (an Chomhairle) tiomanta do chaomhnú, do chothú agus d'úsáid na Gaeilge i ngach gné den saol, a oiread is féidir. D'fhonn tacú leis an aidhm seo, tá fochoiste den Chomhairle Contae bunaithe le húsáid na Gaeilge a chur chun cinn. Beidh téarma oifige an Choiste cothrom le téarma oifige na Comhairle Contae. Mar thoradh ar thiomantas na Comhairle, beidh comhaltaí den CPS, den Chomhairle Contae agus ionadaithe as pobal na Gaeilge sa Chontae ar an bhfochoiste seo.

COMHALTAÍ:

Beidh siad seo a leanas ina gcomhaltaí den Choiste:

* Ceathrar comhaltaí tofa den Chomhairle Contae;
* Comhalta ainmnithe ag an Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí sa Chontae;
* Beirt chomhalta ainmnithe ag grúpaí pobail a chuireann an Ghaeilge chun cinn sa Chontae;
* Comhalta ainmnithe ag Conradh na Gaeilge, nó ag príomheagraíocht eile murar mian le Conradh na Gaeilge comhalta a ainmniú

Má dhéanann an Coiste aon chomhalta a chomhthoghadh ní mór é sin a chur in iúl go pras don CPS agus don Chomhairle. Beidh ceapacháin ar an gCoiste, go hiomlán agus laistigh de gach earnáil comhaltachta, bunaithe ar ionadaíocht inscne agus thíreolaíocht a bhaint amach a oiread is féidir.

MINICÍOCHT NA GCRUINNITHE

Tiocfaidh an Coiste le chéile ceithre uaire sa bhliain ar a laghad, uair sa ráithe de ghnáth. Níl aon uasteorainn ar líon na gcruinnithe.

FREASTAL AR CHRUINNITHE

Beidh an Cathaoirleach ina c(h)omhairleoir agus ina c(h)omhalta den SPC, coinneoidh sé/sí miontuairiscí chruinnithe an Choiste agus beidh sé/sí freagrach as tuairisciú chuig an CPS agus as aon ábhar a thógtar ag cruinniú a dheimhniú le feidhmeannas na Comhairle Contae. Féadfar cuireadh a thabhairt do shaineolaithe neamhspleácha seachtracha freastal ar chruinniú iomlán nó ar pháirt de chruinniú den Choiste ar chuireadh ón gCoiste. Féadfar a iarraidh ar bhaill d'fhoireann fheidhmeannas na Comhairle Conate freastal ar chruinnithe iomlána nó ar pháirt de chruinnithe den Choiste ar iarratas ón gCoiste. Féadfar gnó a dhéanamh trí Bhéarla chomh maith le Gaeilge d'fhonn freastal an Fheidhmeannais a éascú. Beidh córam de cheathrar comhalta ag cruinnithe an choiste.

SAINORDÚ AGUS TÉARMAÍ TAGARTHA

Beidh na cúramaí a leanas ar an gCoiste:

1. Úsáid na Gaeilge a chur chun cinn ar fud an Chontae;

2. Tacaíocht a thabhairt d'iarrachtaí na Comhairle chun an teanga a chur chun cinn;

3 Comhairle a chur ar an gComhairle maidir lena straitéis i leith chur chun cinn na Gaeilge agus lena pholasaí teanga agus

4. Athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar dhul chun cinn na Gaeilge sa Chontae agus tuarascáil a chur faoi bhráid an CPS agus na Comhairle Contae go rialta.

Féadfaidh an Coiste grúpaí oibre a bhunú ar ábhair ar leith le cabhrú leis a chuid oibre a dhéanamh le cead an SPC. Beidh cuspóir sonrach do chúram ar leith ag an ngrúpa oibre agus cuirfear deireadh leis an ngrúpa oibre nuair a bhíonn an cúram déanta. Féadfaidh mionlach de bhaill an ghrúpa oibre a bheith as lasmuigh den Choiste.

Ceapfaidh an Coiste baill aon ghrúpa oibre a bhunóidh sé agus cuirfidh sé é sin in iúl don SPC.

**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL COISTE NA GAEILGE**

INTRODUCTION

The Irish Language Committee of the County (the Committee) is being established as a permanent sub-committee of the Arts, Culture, Irish Language, Heritage and Libraries Strategic Policy Committee (SPC). The Committee will oversee the current policies and procedures which are in force to promote the Irish Language in the County. South Dublin County Council (the Council) is committed to the preservation, promotion and use of Irish in all aspects of life, as much as possible. To support this aim, a sub-committee of the County Council has been established to promote the use of Irish. The term of office of the Committee will be equal to the term of office of the County Council. As a result of the Council's commitment, members of the SPC, of the County Council and representative of the Irish Language community in the County will be on this sub-committee.

MEMBERSHIP:

The following will be members of the Committee:

* Four elected members of the County Council;
* A member nominated by the Public Participation Network in the County;
* Two members nominated by community groups that promote the Irish Language in the County;
* A member nominated by Conradh na Gaeilge, or by another leading organization if Conradh na Gaeilge are unwilling to nominate a member

If any member is co-opted by the Committee the SPC and the Council must be promptly informed. Appointments to the Committee, wholly and within all categories of membership, informed by the aim of achieving gender and geographic representation as much as possible.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

The Committee will meet at least four times a year, normally at least once per quarter. There is no upper limit on the number of meetings.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS:

The Chairperson will be a councillor and a member of the SPC, will keep the minutes of the Committee's meetings and will be responsible for reporting to the SPC and for verifying any matters raised at a meeting with the executive of the County Council. Independent external experts may be invited to attend a full meeting or a part of a meeting of the Committee at the invitation of the Committee. Staff members of the executive of the County Council may be asked to attend full meetings or a part of meetings of the Committee at the Committee's request. Business may be conducted through English as well as Irish to facilitate the Executive’s attendance. Committee meetings will have a quorum of four members.

MANDATE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee will carry out the following:

1. Promote the use of Irish throughout the County;
2. Support the County Council's efforts to promote the language;
3. Advise the County Council regarding its strategy for the promotion of the Irish Language and its Language Policy and
4. Review the progress of Irish in the County and present a report regularly to the CPS and to the County Council.

The Committee may establish working groups on specific topics to help it carry out its work with the agreement of the SPC. The purpose of the working group will be task specific and the working group will end on achievement of that task. A working group may have a minority of members who are not on the Committee.

The Committee will appoint the members of any working group it establishes and notify the SPC.