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### Minute Note

	Meeting opens
1.	<p>Sylvia Georgin (Aberdeenshire Council), LANGS chair, welcomed everyone.</p> <p>Next meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday 14 June (in-person at Glasgow Atlantic Quay)</li> </ul> <p>June meeting will be Sylvia Georgin (Chair) and Gwen McCrossan's (Vice-chair) final meeting in their respective posts. Sylvia will also be retiring at the end of this session.</p> <p><b>New Chairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura Morris, Co-chair – secondary teacher at Mintlaw Academy, Aberdeenshire</li> <li>• Robbie Kirk, Co-chair – secondary PT at Chryston HS, North Lanarkshire (introduced later in meeting)</li> <li>• Joanna Paterson, Vice-Chair – centrally-based PT for Languages and Gaelic in East Renfrewshire, returning to school after summer</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>Keynote: Curriculum review, Education Scotland</b></p> <p><b>Louise Glen, Senior Education Officer &amp; Shona Hugh, Education Officer</b></p> <p><a href="#">View presentation</a></p> <p>Introduction included reference to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future proofing the curriculum</li> <li>• Balance between knowledge and skills</li> <li>• Deciding what is essential knowledge?</li> <li>• Prioritising/deprioritising</li> <li>• OECD concerns</li> <li>• Clarity but not prescription- practitioners looking for clear guidance.</li> <li>• 'Big Ideas' model from British Columbia</li> </ul> <p>Breakout discussion followed around the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>From your experience, what should the languages curriculum look like?</i></li> <li>• <i>How do we work towards a relevant and sustainable languages curriculum?</i></li> </ul> <p>Breakout rooms comments included:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More culture and IDL to motivate pupils - promote/make time for speaking</li> <li>• Less teaching to the exams at senior phase (can be demotivating)</li> <li>• Importance of ITE in preparing teachers to teach languages</li> <li>• Overlap with children's home languages - how can we bridge the understanding?</li> </ul> <p>The Jamboard can be seen here <a href="#">Curriculum Review LANGS March 2024 -1 - Google Jamboard</a> and is still open for additional comments.</p> <p><i>Questions and feedback followed.</i></p> <p>A PTs/faculty heads meeting with Education Scotland will take place on 22 March to look at next steps.</p>
3.	<p><b>SCILT/CISS update</b></p> <p><b>Languages Week Scotland – Sarah Macfarlane, Information Officer</b></p> <p><a href="#">View presentation</a></p> <p>Languages Week Scotland has reached the end of the initial 3-year strategic implementation plan. As lead on the Week, SCILT is taking the opportunity to gather feedback on how the Week has been implemented in local authorities and organisations. This feedback will inform the next 3 years of Languages Week Scotland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey is still open and responses appreciated: <a href="#">LWS survey</a></li> </ul> <p><a href="#">View further SCILT/CISS updates</a></p>
4.	<p><b>Comfort Break</b></p>
5.	<p><b>‘Just a minute’ updates from cultural organisations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sylvia Warnecke, Open University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">View slides</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Charlotte Hyvernaud, Institut français d’Ecosse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">View slides</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Andrew McCulloch, SALT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">View slides</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Karen Faulds, Multilingualism through Art resource <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">View slides</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Caroline Cordier, Edinburgh College <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">View slides</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Kay Turnbull, British Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Contact <a href="mailto:Kay.Turnbull@britishcouncil.org">Kay.Turnbull@britishcouncil.org</a> to discuss hosting assistants in your local authority or school.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Richard Tallaron, LFEE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Richard and colleagues Liz Neil and Lesley Atkins organised a symposium at the Ramshorn on the importance of international education and how to find partners abroad. The symposium was well attended with great support from SCILT. Contact Richard directly should you need some support/have any queries linked to international education: <a href="mailto:richard@lfee.net">richard@lfee.net</a></li> <li>◦ Richard’s has published a bilingual book, <a href="#">A Taste of Languages/Le goût des langues</a>. He is offering webinars in French or English to help practitioners and their pupils become historical linguists.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ed Welch, UCFLS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Shared Language Ambassador and Scotland’s Languages Explorers Programme updates</li> <li>◦ Announced his stepping down from his role in the coming months</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>SG thanked all contributors and extended thanks and best wishes to Ed Welch on behalf of LANGS.</p> <p><b>Other updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Javier Ramos Linares, Consejería de Educación: <a href="#">View update</a></li> <li>• Lingobox: <a href="#">French Easter activities</a></li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Date of next meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 15 May, 4-5pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Local authority members meeting</li> <li>○ Online via Teams, details and meeting link to follow</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Friday 14 June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In person at Atlantic Quay, Glasgow</li> <li>○ Time TBC, likely 10.30am onwards</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>SG thanks participants for attending and Alice Lister for meeting arrangements</p>
7.	<p><b>Meeting end</b></p>