



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Seachtain na Gaeilge/Irish Language Week 2023</b>
<b>Date:</b>	18th November, 2022
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to present to the Committee the plans to mark Seachtain na Gaeilge in 2023.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to approve the planned events to mark Seachtain na Gaeilge/Irish Language Week in 2023.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<b><u>Background</u></b>
3.1	Seachtain na Gaeilge/Irish Language Week is marked every year from 1st March until 17th March. Prior to COVID-19, the Council marked this by hosting events for schools in the City Hall. COVID-19 necessitated online events and content in 2021 and 2022. These events were always well attended and the feedback from participants was always excellent.

3.2	It is proposed to host two events in the City Hall in March 2023. One aimed at secondary school pupils discussing career prospects for students of Irish and an event aimed at primary school children facilitated by an external performer. It is also proposed that attendees at the primary schools' event will be given a book based on the performance.
3.3	In line with commitments in the Language Strategy Action Plan, these events will be highlighted in the Irish language media and through local media outlets. This event was noted by the Language Strategy Working Group at its meeting on 11th November.
	<b>Financial and Resource Implications</b>
3.4	This will be covered by existing budgets.
	<b>Equality, Good Relations or Rural Needs Implications</b>
3.5	These events will support Council's compliance with equality, good relations and rural needs obligations.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None