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**POLICY ON FLEXIBILITY IN THE CURRICULUM
FEEDBACK ON CONSULTATION**

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POLICY ON FLEXIBILITY IN THE CURRICULUM STRATEGY AND TIMELINE

Consultation took place as follows:

- Issue to teaching staff consultation focus group
- Discussion at Head teacher meetings
- Discussion at School Board meetings
- Discussion with pupil focus groups on school visits.

The document was welcomed and very positive comments were made about it and about the flexibility afforded at present in Western Isles Schools..

Specific Additional Comments

Consultation Response	Comment
One comment from a member of the teaching staff focus group indicated that the document was not school friendly, but did not elaborate on this comment.	This was the only negative comment made, and as no indication was given to help identify the perceived problem, no action was taken.
Very positive comments from pupils who had experienced Gaelic Medium education about the benefits they saw in being afforded this opportunity.	Noted, and can be used in promotion of Gaelic Medium education.
Pre-vocational opportunities : the options available to pupils in Stornoway and Lionacleit are appreciated by pupils. Pupils in Barra would welcome more access to pre-vocational education. Likewise, access to Higher Psychology was considered a bonus.	This item is being addressed as part of the Determined to Succeed initiative, and, with the introduction of broadband, ICT solutions will be investigated.