Three guiding principles from the 2005 Act underpin Gaelic Language Plans:

1. to secure the status of Gaelic as an official language of Scotland commanding equal respect to English.
2. to support organisations in delivering reasonable and proportionate Gaelic services according to their individual circumstances.
3. for organisations to have a long term vision for Gaelic that will increase Gaelic provision over time through incremental growth.

BnG advise the Scottish Parliament to develop GLPs which

- facilitate the use of Gaelic to the greatest extent that is appropriate our circumstances.
- identify the most appropriate ways in which we can help positively and proactively raise the profile of the language and encourage and enable Gaelic users.
- expand over time the level of Gaelic provision we provide.
- make substantive provision to ensure our services are available bilingually.