

Report To: Welsh Language Steering Committee

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Title: Welsh Language Monitoring Report

1. What is the report about?

The Council's Annual Welsh Language Monitoring Report.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

To discuss and agree the contents of the annual Welsh Language Monitoring report for 2017/18, which is a statutory duty.

3. What are the Recommendations?

To agree the contents of this report.

4. Report details

The Council is expected to produce an annual report, to be published on its website, around the authority's progress with the Welsh Language.

The requirement is noted in one of the Welsh Language Standards to which the authority is expected to comply.

The report reflects the Council's commitment to working towards increasing the number of Welsh speakers in the county and for contributing positively to the national drive to increase the number of Welsh speakers to a million by 2050.

The report outlines achievements and developments to date; our performance against Welsh language indicators that we have reported on previously; steps taken by the Council to comply with the Standards and information on the linguistic skills levels of staff.

The Council also reports on progress with the Mwy Na Geiriau/ More Than Just Words framework and the Council's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

The decision contributes to the development of the Welsh Language and culture, which underpins the Council's Corporate Plan. It also contributes greatly to the Welsh Language Strategy which highlights the intention to attract major events that promote the Welsh Language to the county.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

There is no budget in place for the Welsh Language. Any costs are expected to be absorbed into existing budgets.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?

Whilst no formal Well-being Impact Assessment is needed for this report, it is worth noting some of the key benefits in relation to the Well-Being and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language Standards.

One of the key components of the well-being and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 is having: "A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language : A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation".

The Council also has a role, through its Welsh Language Standards, to promote opportunities for local communities to get involved in Welsh Language activities.

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

Consultations have taken place with the Senior Leadership Team.

9. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

The main risk is to the reputation of the authority, as we have already made a commitment in our Welsh Language Strategy and through the Welsh Language Standards to increase the use of Welsh in the workplace and in communities.