

Report to	Welsh Language Steering Committee
Date of meeting	5 July 2023
Lead Member / Officer	Councillor Emrys Wynne / Gary Williams, Corporate Director
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Title	Welsh Language Strategy 2017-2022 Assurance Report

1. What is the report about?

1.1 Welsh Language Strategy assurance report 2017-2022. Denbighshire County Council commissioned the Welsh Centre for Language Planning to produce the report.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

2.1 To discuss and agree on the content of the Welsh Language Strategy Assurance Report 2017-2022, which is a statutory requirement.

3. What are the Recommendations?

3.1 To agree on the content of the report

4. Report details

4.1 The Council is expected to produce and publish an assessment report on our Welsh Language Strategy 2017-2022 and produce a revised strategy for the second 5-year period (2023-28).

4.2 It is a statutory duty, in accordance with the Standards (standard 145), for the Council to comply by publishing the report at the same time as the revised 5-year Strategy.

4.3 The report reflects the Council's commitment over the 5-year period (2017-22) to work towards increasing the number of Welsh speakers in the county and in order to

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contribute positively towards the national campaign to increase the number of Welsh speakers to million by 2050.

4.4 As well as evaluating the results of the language strategy, assessing the extent to which we have followed our strategy will benefit from evaluating the methods adopted to implement and monitor the strategy over the past five years.

4.5 Reviewing the various aspects used to implement and monitor the strategy would offer an opportunity to identify the successes and obstacles that will need to be resolved over the next five years

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities 2022 to 2027: The Denbighshire we want?

5.1 The decision contributes to the development of a Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language which is one of the key objectives of the Council's Corporate Plan 2022-27.

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

6.1 There is no funding available for this work but Communities and Customers Service paid £12,000 for the costs of commissioning the Welsh Centre for Language Planning to produce this report. This is not the case every time we need to revise the Strategy it is solely because this is our first Welsh Language Strategy and success report.

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

7.1 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.

7.2 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".

7.3 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?

8.1 Consultation has been carried out with the Cabinet Lead Member for Welsh Language and with the Lead Corporate Director.

9. Statement from the Chief Finance Officer

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

10.1 The main risk is the authority's reputation as we have already made a commitment in the Welsh Language Strategy and through the Welsh Language Standards to promote the use of the language in the workplace and within our communities.

11. Power to make the Decision

11.1 Welsh Language Measure (Wales) 2011