

Appendix 1 – Summary of Progress against the Action Plan

Progress against Outcome 1: More nursery children/ three year olds receive their education through the medium of Welsh

- There has been an increase in the number of Welsh medium pre-school settings in the authority and there are plans to develop more.
- There has been an increase in the number of children attending Welsh medium pre-school settings in the authority.
- Nearly all pupils in the Cylchoedd Meithrin transition to Welsh medium schools.
- Capital investment has and will improve buildings and resources throughout Denbighshire. i.e. recent completion of the Oaktree Centre extension in Rhyl has enabled a new Cylch Meithrin provision to be established on site.
- Close working with stakeholders such as Mudiad Meithrin, Libraries, Sure Start and other Early Years DCC departments ensure that strategic decisions are made.
- Outcome 1 sub-committee (comprising a number of stakeholders) have mapped out pre-school Welsh medium provision available in the community to assist parents to consider the benefits of bilingualism and Welsh medium education.

Progress against Outcome 2: More reception class children/ five year olds receive their education through the medium of Welsh

- Ysgol Gwernant in Llangollen has been selected in Band B of the Sustainable Learning Communities Programme.
- There are a large number of developments in pre-school settings. This will increase the numbers for Welsh education at the age of 5 in due course.
- An increased awareness among parents of the benefits of bilingualism and Welsh medium education will increase the numbers of 5 year old learners in Welsh medium education.
- 4 English medium primary schools are under consideration to move to T2 in the new language category
- The only current category 2 primary school, delivers its curriculum to nursery learners through the medium of Welsh. This will develop each year when all learners up to Year 2 are taught solely in Welsh.

Progress against Outcome 3: More children continue to improve their Welsh language skills when transferring from one stage of their statutory education to another

- DCC now have a team of 6 members of staff to support the delivery of Welsh in all schools.
- Much work has taken place to promote primary/secondary transition between Welsh medium schools to ensure pupils continue with Welsh medium education. The transfer rate to the Welsh stream in the two secondary schools in the south of the county has increased significantly because of this.
- Discussions are taking place with Ysgol Brynhyfryd to open an immersion class at the school.
- A pilot project in the north of the county, involves 2 primary English medium schools, taking part in extra Welsh medium fun activities. Staff from the Welsh Language Support Team, Yr Urdd and Menter Iaith visit Year 5 and 6 pupils to encourage more children to go to the immersion class in Glan Clwyd.
- There is a significant increase in the level of support latecomers to Welsh medium primary schools receive.
- Detailed plans have been shared with schools outlining how best to develop Welsh language oracy skills.

Progress against Outcome 4: More learners study for assessed qualifications in Welsh (as a subject) and subjects through the medium of Welsh

- We are in constant discussions with the two secondary schools in the south of the county to increase the offer to study more subjects through Welsh and to utilise the e-ysgol resource.
- Welsh coordinators in Denbighshire's secondary schools are part of newly formed working groups aimed at supporting schools to increase Welsh provision at their settings.
- The authority is working with Ysgol Glan Clwyd to ensure that parents in English-medium primary schools are aware that there is a choice to go to the immersion class.
- Discussions are on-going to open an immersion class at Ysgol Brynhyfryd.
- We are in discussions with the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol to see how more students can be encouraged to study fields through the medium of Welsh
- 14 pupils in one secondary school have registered to study Welsh as a second language at Level A in September. We will work closely with this school to support their enthusiasm and desire to increase the Welsh language provision in the school.

Progress against Outcome 5: More opportunities for learners to use Welsh in different contexts in school

- The Siarter Iaith and Cymraeg Campus national frameworks encourages the use of Welsh in different contexts.
- All Welsh medium primary schools have achieved the Siarter Iaith gold standard.
- The category 2 primary school has achieved the Siarter Iaith silver standard.
- Number of English medium schools achieving Cymraeg Campus standards:
- Bronze -28; Silver – 3.
- We are planning to introduce Cymraeg Campus and Siarter Iaith in all secondary schools.
- There is excellent cooperation between DCC officers and schools to develop Welsh in different contexts in school.
- Following collaboration between the Welsh Language Support Team and co-ordinators, a comprehensive plan has been created with digital resources and clear guidelines for teachers to follow when presenting and drilling language patterns.
- We have worked together to create a plan to develop Welsh speaking skills of primary age learners in all schools.
- The Urdd and Menter Iaith effectively support school activities to develop the use of Welsh.

Progress against Outcome 6: An increase in the provision of Welsh-medium education for pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) (in accordance with the duties imposed by the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018

- ALN services are looking at recruitment systems to attract Welsh speaking staff.
- DCC in collaboration with Coleg Cambria, offer training to employees to learn to speak Welsh.
- We are currently reviewing the current provision and expanding the Welsh-medium support available for pupils in schools in Denbighshire.
- Denbighshire's special schools/units meet the linguistic needs of their learners. Staff who can speak Welsh are available to support learners who want to receive parts of their education through Welsh.

Progress against Outcome 7: Increase the number of teaching staff able to teach Welsh (as a subject) and teach through the medium of Welsh

- The Welsh Language Support Team in Denbighshire has grown, from one member of staff last year, to having 6 by September 2023. The staffing structure now means that there is support for staff and teachers in the primary and secondary sectors, as well as support for latecomers.
- The new staffing structure has facilitated training sessions, meetings and visits in order to develop the use of the Welsh language in the schools.
- DCC has a comprehensive training programme for school staff.
- In partnership with Coleg Cambria we offer training to school staff (and council officers) to learn Welsh.
- The authority continues to promote the 'Learn Welsh in a Year' course and there will be 5 teachers on the course in September.
- County officers study the annual School Workforce Annual Census (SWAC) returns and create an audit of training needs and identify potential Welsh speaking leaders.