

Report to	Welsh Language Steering Committee
Date of meeting	2 July 2024
Lead Member / Officer	Councillor Emrys Wynne / Gary Williams, Corporate Director:
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Title	Welsh Language Annual Monitoring Report

1. What is the report about?

1.1. The Council's annual Welsh Language Monitoring Report

2. What is the reason for making this report?

2.1. To discuss and agree the content of the annual Welsh Language Monitoring report for 2023/24, 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 an annual report on its website, and the report is expected to detail the progress made with the Welsh Language.

4.2. It is a statutory duty, in accordance with the Standards, for the Council to comply by publishing a report.

4.3. The report reflects the Council's commitment to work towards increasing the number of Welsh speakers in the county and in order to contribute positively towards the national campaign to increase the number of Welsh speakers to one million by 2050.

- 4.4. The report outlines achievements and performance against Welsh Language indicators that we have reported against; steps taken by the Council to comply with the Standards and information on staff linguistic levels.
- 4.5. The Council also reports on progress with the 'More Than Words' framework and the Council's Wales in Education Strategic Plan.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Plan 2022 to 2027: The Denbighshire We Want?

- 5.1. The decision contributes to the development of Denbighshire with a vibrant culture where the Welsh language flourishes which is part 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 specific funding for the Welsh Language. Any costs come directly from existing budgets.

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

- 7.1. Although a formal Well-being Impact Assessment is not required for this report, it is worth noting some of the key benefits in relation to the Welfare and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language Standards.
- 7.2. One of the key elements of the Welfare and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 is: "A Wales with a vibrant culture and a thriving Welsh language: An association which promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in arts, sport and recreation."
- 7.3. The Council also has a role, through its Welsh Language Standards, to promote opportunities for local communities to take part in Welsh Language activities.

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

- 8.1. The Lead Member of the Cabinet for the Welsh Language and the Lead Corporate Director were consulted.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

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

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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 in communities.

11. Power to make the decision

11.1. Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011