## Carmarthenshire County Council's Annual Report 2016/17 on the Welsh language

Dear Commissioner,

Please see enclosed Carmarthenshire County Council's Annual Report for 2016/17. The report focuses on the first year of implementation of the Welsh Language Standards. The report follows the same format as last year's preparatory report — with evidence of progress against action points for every Standard. However, it is likely that the annual report hereafter, will follow a slightly different format with Standards being grouped into categories, as a lot of the work to comply with the Standards will continue and will not need to be repeated.

During 2016/17, the Welsh Language Members' Advisory Panel has continued to receive regular updates regarding the Standards, and have continued with their key role of monitoring progress and calls for evidence of progress from specific departments within the Council.

The County Forum, which is being led by the Council and includes representation from organisations who promote the Welsh language in the county, as well as public bodies with Welsh language officers, has continued with its role of developing a programme of promoting the Welsh language in the county and has contributed significantly to creating the Promotion Strategy for Carmarthenshire, in accordance with the Promotion Standard.

When writing the 2015/16 report, the recommendations of 'The Welsh Language in Carmarthenshire' report were allocated to the *Internal Use Policy, Standards Action Plan,* the *Promotion Strategy* and the *Welsh in Education Strategic Plan,* but during the process of writing the Promotion Strategy, it came apparent that the action plan for the Strategy would be the ideal location for the recommendations (apart from those relevant to education). We will therefore report on *The Welsh Language in Carmarthenshire* recommendations in the Action plan report of the Promotion Strategy and they will not appear as an appendix to this report.

A lot of internal communication work has been undertaken during 2016-17 whilst building on the work of creating guidelines to convey the standards during the preparatory year. All guidelines were placed on the intranet and a new guideline was created which helps staff to write in Welsh by using electronic support (see Appendix 1). As you can see from the Communication Plan for 2016-17 (see Appendix 2), a number of internal road shows were attended to disseminate messages and to distribute guidelines, and in October a managers' conference was attended. A presentations were given to various groups of staff and a lot of communication work was undertaken through collective electronic media as well as the electronic newsletter and the electronic newsletter sent with pay slips. Furthermore, additional support materials were created to sit alongside and support the Guidelines, including audio clips, vocabularies, videos and templates (Appendix 3). Posters were designed and printed to display in the Council's print rooms to remind staff to work bilingually (Appendix 4).

The Council have also been busy communicating with the public. The campaign that was ran last year in 'Carmarthenshire News' was published again this year, including an advert for learners to use their Welsh language with the Council (Appendix 4). The campaign was also extended to bus stops (Appendix 2). Six areas were chosen to display posters in those communities which are priority areas for the County Strategic Forum. Following publishing the Promotion Strategy, a banner was used on the corporate website homepage to draw the public's attention to it (Appendix 2).

Promotion work was undertaken with the County's Event Organiser Forum to convey the importance of using the Welsh language when organising community events and sharing information about the support available to work bilingually.

The county's markets attract a high number of local customers and visitors, and with many of them being indigenous businesses of the county, there is a golden opportunity to promote the Welsh language. The campaign 'Our produce, our language' started during the year, with posters being displayed by stall holders to encourage customers to speak Welsh. We hope to extend this campaign during 2017-18 to ensure that customers see and hear the language in our markets.

Another significant development that happened this year was the development of Carmarthenshire County Council's Promotion Strategy. Although work had already taken place following the results of the last Census, the challenge set out by the Standards promotes a new focus to the work of promoting the Welsh language in the county. The Promotion Strategy was developed by the Welsh Language Members' Advisory Panel and the County Strategic Forum and all parties have agreed to work towards the vision of restoring the Welsh language as the main language in the county. The Strategy was approved by the Executive Board and was published on our website, and moreover work begun that derived from the Strategy through the County Forum. The need for a more complete picture of activity promoting the Welsh language was identified, and a piece of research work was commissioned. The document was circulated to partners of the County Forum and it will be a useful tool for the County Forum when planning work in the future. The document will be published on the website shortly. When writing the Promotion Strategy, the need to find more meaningful indicators for measuring the success of the Promotion Strategy was also identified. Initial work has been undertaken to find indicators that would measure the use of the Welsh language and awareness of the Welsh language, but there is still work to be done on this before it can be incorporated into action plans of the Promotion Strategy in the future.

When looking at raising awareness of the benefits of bilingualism as part of the work on the Promotion Strategy, work was undertaken on the need to create a pool of language awareness resources for the county, which would provide a consistent message that all organisations could convey. An electronic resource was prepared on Google drive and this has been shared with all organisations that promote the Welsh language in the county. In order to start raising awareness of the advantages of bilingualism in the county, a comprehensive booklet that promotes the advantages of Welsh medium education and specifies the path towards bilingualism, has been designed and printed (Appendix 5). This work derived from the County Forum and all partners contributed to the content of the booklet. During 2017-18, this booklet will be distributed strategically to support delivery of the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan.

Following the work done on data collection for the language skills audit, the potential to carry out intensive work to move staff along the language continuum was identified. A successful bid was made for funding to appoint a member of staff to work specifically on tailoring provision for individuals and to coordinate support between the Welsh for Adults provider and our staff. The officer will start in the next financial year and will be working within the Council's Learning and Development Team.

A safe recruitment training course is provided to any managers who are responsible for the Recruitment process, as well as Councillors who sit on appointment panels. During the year, we have worked with a Welsh medium training company in the county in order to support them to follow the recruitment training qualification, and therefore we will be able to promote Welsh medium opportunities internally. We will monitor the numbers that follow the course through the medium of Welsh in order to encourage more people to follow.

Development work took place during 2016-17 with Language Leaders in the Leisure Division. The Leaders met monthly and made constant progress with ensuring consistency in visual bilingualism within their workplaces through checklists. All permanent and temporary bilingual signage used by the Division were corrected and rectified, and saved in a convenient place for future use, and work was done to ensure that staff are informed of opportunities to learn Welsh. New language leaders were trained for the Environment Department and they will start on their work during the next financial year.

Promotional work was also accomplished that was additional and did not derive directly from the Promotion Strategy or the County Forum, however it did align with the Strategy's priorities of promoting businesses to use the Welsh language within the county and encourage learners to gain enough confidence to become fluent. An event was organised in Llanelli by the Business Development Team within the Regeneration Division to bring various businesses together to discuss the potential of working more bilingually and materials were distributed that included the Commissioner's guidelines, and the Council and Menter laith's resources. A new club for learners was organised, in partnership with Menter Gorllewin Sir Gâr, at Yr Atom in Carmarthen, in order to bring learners together so that they get the opportunity to hear and use the Welsh language informally (Appendix 2). A number of staff within the council were encouraged to attend. The numbers were extremely encouraging, and time must be invested in this club to ensure it continues in the future. It would be good to try to duplicate this in other areas during 2017-18.

During the year, the Policy and Partnership Team has worked closely with all Council departments to offer support and guidance but also to monitor compliance. One example is the work of the standards audit completed with the Senior Management Team within the Housing Division. A meeting was held with the Senior Managers to map out the standards, the level of compliance and to explore the opportunities for future developments. The results of the meeting were positive and the information was presented to the Head of Service with recommendations for action. One of the managers was appointed as a Language Leader and the division will follow the 'Language Leaders' training during 2017-18. One of the areas highlighted by the managers was that it is difficult to release staff for Welsh lessons in the workplace, as a large proportion of them provide frontline services. As a result, we have set up a specific course for the division in their main office at East Gate, and the course will also be provided in Carmarthen and Ammanford. The content is tailored to the service area.

Regular meetings have also continued with Human Resources colleagues in order to ensure progress in accordance with the Standards and to receive regular feedback regarding the implementation of the Language Skills Strategy. The Human Resources Division monitor the recruitment processes and support managers in conducting language assessments of posts. They are also responsible for the training provision and providing employment support to all council staff. We will continue to meet regularly during 2017-18.

The Communities Department has also appointed one of the senior management team as a Language Leader, in order to lead on the *More than just Words Strategic Framework* and to ensure progress is made when providing Welsh language services in care. During the year, the departmental forum has met regularly to discuss areas such as workforce planning, commissioning services and staff training. Following receiving the results of the language skills audit, a task and finish group was established to look at the results and to compare the number of clients receiving care through the medium of Welsh and the active offer. The results of this work will be presented to the Director of Communities and to the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee during 2017-18.

Below is a list of attachments which is evidence for the report -

Appendix 1: Guidelines Writing Welsh and your computer

Appendix 2: Communication Plan

Appendix 3: Intranet materials (e.g. chairing meetings)

Appendix 4: Posters for print rooms

Appendix 5: Leaflet promoting bilingualism

Appendix 6: Complaints received

Appendix 7: Training provided

Appendix 8: Results of the language skills audit

I sincerely hope that the report is evidence of the Council's commitment to realise the Standards. You are welcome to contact us if you have any enquiries after reading this report.

Regards,

Councillor Peter Hughes-Griffiths

**Executive Board Member with responsibility for the Welsh Language Carmarthenshire County Council** 

In accordance with COMPLIANCE NOTICE – SECTION 44 WELSH LANGUAGE (WALES) MEASURE 2011 Carmarthenshire County Council – Issue Date: 30/09/2015

**Class of Standard: Service Delivery** 

| Standard<br>Number | Standard   | Action Points 16-17  | Status and evidence  |
|--------------------|--|--|--|
| 1                  | If you receive correspondence from a person in Welsh you must reply in Welsh (if an answer is required), unless the person has indicated that there is no need to reply in Welsh.            | <ul> <li>Update information on induction e-module</li> <li>Work with Learning and Development and Optimum</li> <li>Work with the departmental Business Support units to raise awareness and monitor development</li> <li>Ways of monitoring to be discussed by Internal working group</li> </ul> |  |
| 4                  | When you send the same correspondence to several persons, you must send a Welsh language version of the correspondence at the same time as you send any English language version.            | <ul> <li>See above</li> <li>Cooperate with Communications<br/>unit to identify departments with<br/>newsletters to ensure that they are<br/>bilingual and to include content on<br/>Standards</li> </ul>   | <ul><li>See above</li><li>Departmental newsletters have been checked</li></ul>   |
| 5                  | If you don't know whether a person wishes to receive correspondence from you in Welsh, when you correspond with that person you must provide a Welsh language version of the correspondence. | Look at options in terms of entrance points for Language choice in order to ensure accurate records (in databases that were set up before the Standards)   | <ul> <li>Our advice to departments is to<br/>provide bilingual versions of<br/>correspondence. With the few<br/>examples where regular<br/>correspondence leads to the<br/>language being recorded, the</li> </ul> |

|   |   |   | departments have systems in place.  |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | If you produce a Welsh language version and a corresponding English language version of correspondence, you must not treat the Welsh language version less favourably than the English language version (for example, if the English version is signed, or if contact details are provided on the English version, then the Welsh version must be treated in the same way). | See above   |   |
| 7 | You must state -  (a) in correspondence, and (a) in publications and official notices that invite persons to respond to you or to correspond with you, that you welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh, that you will respond to any correspondence in Welsh, and that corresponding in Welsh will not lead to delay.  | <ul> <li>Develop publishing guidelines</li> <li>Distribute guideline according to the Communications Plan</li> <li>Discuss with graphic designers to place statement as departments order new headed paper</li> </ul> | <ul><li>Completed</li><li>Completed</li><li>Completed</li></ul>   |
| 8 | When a person contacts you on your main telephone number (or numbers), or on any helpline numbers or call centre numbers, you must greet the person in Welsh.   |   | <ul> <li>See above</li> <li>See above</li> <li>Presentation to the Customer<br/>Services Department</li> <li>A phonetic script was<br/>provided to employees in<br/>our libraries on how to greet<br/>in Welsh.</li> <li>Additional resources were<br/>created including scripts</li> </ul> |

|    |   |  | and sound clips for the intranet  |
|----|---|--|---|
| 9  | When a person contacts you on your main telephone number (or numbers), or on any helpline numbers or call centre numbers, you must inform the person that a Welsh language service is available.  | See above  | See above   |
| 10 | When a person contacts you on your main telephone number (or numbers), or on any helpline numbers or call centre numbers, you must deal with the call in Welsh in its entirety if that is the person's wish (where necessary by transferring the call to a member of staff who is able to deal with the call in Welsh). | update language skills record in email address book (outlook). Follow this   |   |
| 12 | When you advertise telephone numbers, helpline numbers or call centre services, you must not treat the Welsh language less favourably than the English language.  | No action needed   |   |
| 13 | If you offer a Welsh language service on your main telephone number (or numbers), on any helpline numbers or call centre numbers, the telephone number for the Welsh language service must be the same as for the corresponding English language service.   | No action needed   |   |
| 14 | When you publish your main telephone number or any helpline numbers or call centre service numbers, you must state (in Welsh) that you welcome calls in Welsh.  | <ul> <li>Run marketing campaign 'whichever way' to promote Welsh medium services</li> <li>Run a specific campaign in Carmarthenshire News to encourage people to use Welsh when getting in touch with the Council</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Completed</li> <li>Marketing material to<br/>promote services<br/>provided by the<br/>Customer Centre has<br/>been checked to ensure<br/>compliance</li> </ul> |

| 15 | If you have performance indicators for dealing with telephone calls, you must ensure that those performance indicators do not treat telephone calls made in Welsh any less favourably than calls made in English.   | Policy Team to speak to the Head of Customer Services about Standard 15   |   |
|----|---|---|---|
| 16 | Your main telephone call answering service (or services) must inform persons calling, in Welsh, that they can leave a message in Welsh.   | Include in the Telephone<br>Answering Guidelines  | Completed   |
| 17 | When there is no Welsh language service available on your main telephone number (or numbers), or any helpline numbers or call centre numbers, you must inform persons calling, in Welsh (by way of an automated message or otherwise), when a Welsh language service will be available.   | No action needed  |   |
| 18 | If a person contacts one of you departments on a direct line telephone numbers (including on staff members' direct line numbers), and that person wishes to receive a service in Welsh, you must provide that service in Welsh in its entirety (if necessary by transferring the call to a member of staff who is able to deal with the call in Welsh). | <ul> <li>Update Language Awareness e-module</li> <li>Induction session – how to answer phone – update needed</li> <li>Update language skills record on Outlook</li> </ul> | General information regarding<br>the Standards requirements<br>have been included in the<br>induction e-module and an<br>elaboration of the Standards<br>requirements have been<br>included in the Language<br>Awareness e-module |

| 20 | When a person contacts you on a direct line number (whether on a department's direct line number or on the direct line number of a member of staff), you must ensure that, when greeting the person, the Welsh language is not treated less favourably than the English language.   | See above  |   |
|----|---|--|---|
| 21 | When you telephone an individual ("A") for the first time you must ask A whether A wishes to receive telephone calls from you in Welsh, and if A responds to say that A wishes to receive telephone calls in Welsh you must keep a record of that wish, and conduct telephone calls made to A from then onwards in Welsh. | See above  |   |
| 22 | Any automated telephone systems that you have must provide the complete automated service in Welsh.   | See above  |   |
| 24 | If you invite one person only ("P") to a meeting you must ask P whether P wishes to use the Welsh language at the meeting, and inform P that you will, if necessary, provide a translation service from Welsh to English for that purpose.  | <ul> <li>Discuss with Working Group about<br/>monitoring this</li> <li>Provide wording on intranet on<br/>inviting someone to a meeting</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Additional resources were<br/>created that provides a<br/>wording for inviting persons<br/>to a meeting. They have<br/>been placed on the intranet.</li> </ul> |

| 24A | If you have invited one person only ("P") to a meeting and P has informed you that P wishes to use the Welsh language at the meeting, you must arrange for a simultaneous translation service from Welsh to English to be available at the meeting (unless you conduct the meeting in Welsh without the assistance of a translation service).  | Develop Guideline on Organising and arranging meetings  | Completed |
|-----|--|---|-----------|
| 26  | If you invite an individual ("A") to a meeting, and the meeting relates to the well-being of A, you must ask A whether A wishes to use the Welsh language at the meeting, and inform A that you will, if necessary, provide a translation service from Welsh to English and from English to Welsh for that purpose.  | <ul> <li>Send Standard to department who come under the definition of wellbeing – Social Care, Children's Services</li> <li>Discuss translating from English to Welsh with Communications department</li> </ul>   | Completed |
| 26A | You must arrange for a simultaneous translation service from Welsh to English and from English to Welsh to be available at a meeting -  (a) if the meeting relates to the well-being of an invited individual ("A"), and  (b) if A has informed you that A wishes to use the Welsh language at the meeting; unless you conduct the meeting in Welsh without the assistance of a translation service. | <ul> <li>Send Standard to department who come under the definition of wellbeing – Social Care, Children's Services</li> <li>Discuss with Communities Manager</li> <li>Discuss with Manager responsible for Wellbeing Act and Information, Advice and Support Manager</li> </ul> | Completed |
| 27  | If you invite more than one person to a meeting (which does not relate to the well-being of one or more of the individuals invited), you must ask  | Consider best ways of monitoring  |           |

|      | each person whether they wish to use the Welsh language at the meeting.  |  |  |
|------|--|--|--|
| 27A  | If you have invited more than one person to a meeting (which does not relate to the well-being of one or more of the individuals invited), and at least 10% (but less than 100%) of the persons invited have informed you that they wish to use the Welsh language at the meeting, you must arrange for a simultaneous translation service from Welsh to English to be available at the meeting.   | Consider best ways of monitoring   | Staff working group meeting, June  |
| 27CH | If you have invited more than one person to a meeting (which does not relate to the well-being of one or more of the individuals invited), and all of the persons invited have informed you that they wish to use the Welsh language at the meeting, you must conduct the meeting in Welsh (without the assistance of a simultaneous or consecutive translation service).  | <ul> <li>Follow the Challenge and Appeal procedure through the Commissioner's Office</li> <li>Following the result, inform staff through Y Gair and Egair</li> </ul> | Following challenging the standard, the Commissioner determined the requirement for the Council to comply with the standard to be unreasonable or disproportionate at present. Standard 27CH has been replaced with 27D. |
| 27D  | If you have invited more than one person to a meeting (which does not relate to the well-being of one or more of the individuals invited), and all of the persons invited have informed you that they wish to use the Welsh language at the meeting, you must arrange for a simultaneous translation service from Welsh to English to be available at the meeting (unless you conduct the meeting in Welsh without the assistance of a translation service). |  | The final compliance notice was received from the Commissioner which included standard 27D instead of standard 27CH after challenging the standard.  |

| 28  | If you invite more than one person to a meeting, and that meeting relates to the well-being of one or more of the individuals invited, you must -  (a) ask that individual or each of those individuals whether he or she wishes for the meeting to be conducted in Welsh, and  (b) if that individual, or if each of those individuals, informs you that he or she wishes for the meeting to be conducted in Welsh, conduct the meeting in Welsh (without the assistance of a simultaneous or consecutive translation service). | <ul> <li>Follow the Challenge and<br/>Appeal procedure through the<br/>Commissioner's Office</li> <li>Following the result, inform staff<br/>through Y Gair and Egair</li> </ul> | Following challenging the standard, the Commissioner determined the requirement for the Council to comply with the standard to be unreasonable or disproportionate at present. Standard 28 has been replaced with 29 and 29A. |
|-----|--|--|---|
| 29  | If you invite more than one person to a meeting, and that meeting relates to the well-being of one or more of the individuals invited, you must - (a) ask that individual or each of those individuals whether he or she wishes to use the Welsh language at the meeting, and (b) inform that individual (or those individuals) that, if necessary, you will provide a translation service from Welsh to English and from English to Welsh for that purpose.   |  | The final compliance notice was received from the Commissioner which included standard 29 instead of standard 28 after challenging the standard.  |
| 29A | You must provide a simultaneous translation service from Welsh to English and from English to Welsh at a meeting - (a) if you have invited more than one person to the meeting, (b) if the meeting relates to the well-being of one or more of the individuals invited, and (c) if at least one of those   |  | The final compliance notice was received from the Commissioner which included standard 29A instead of standard 28 after challenging the standard.   |

|    | individuals has informed you that he or she wishes to use the Welsh language at the meeting; unless you conduct the meeting in Welsh without the assistance of a translation service.  |  |  |
|----|--|--|--|
| 30 | If you arrange a meeting that is open to the public you must state on any material advertising it, and on any invitation to it, that anyone attending is welcome to use the Welsh language at the meeting.   | <ul> <li>Monitoring work to be confirmed</li> <li>Remind staff through the<br/>Communications Plan</li> </ul>  | Guidelines have been sent<br>and included on the intranet<br>for staff to use  |
| 31 | When you send invitations to a meeting that you arrange which is open to the public, you must send the invitations in Welsh.   | <ul> <li>Monitoring work to be confirmed</li> <li>Remind staff through the Communications Plan</li> <li>Include wording on intranet templates</li> </ul> | Guidelines have been sent and included on the intranet for staff to use  An e-mail template of arranging a meeting was created |
| 32 | If you invite persons to speak at a meeting that you arrange which is open to the public you must -  (a) ask each person invited to speak whether he or she wishes to use the Welsh language, and (b)if that person (or at least one of those persons) has informed you that he or she wishes to use the Welsh language at the meeting, provide a simultaneous translation service from Welsh to English for that purpose (unless you conduct the meeting in Welsh without a translation service). | <ul> <li>Monitoring work to be confirmed</li> <li>Remind staff through the Communications Plan</li> <li>Include wording on intranet templates</li> </ul> | Guidelines have been sent and included on the intranet for staff to use  |

| 33 | If you arrange a meeting that is open to the public, you must ensure that a simultaneous translation service from Welsh to English is available at the meeting, and you must orally inform those present in Welsh -   | <ul> <li>Remind staff through         Communications Plan     </li> <li>Include wording on intranet templates</li> </ul>   | Guidelines have been sent<br>and included on the intranet<br>for staff to use   |
|----|---|--|---|
|    | <ul><li>(a) that they are welcome to use the Welsh language, and</li><li>(b) that a simultaneous translation service is available.</li></ul>  |  |   |
| 34 | If you display any written material at a meeting that you arrange which is open to the public, you must ensure that that material is displayed in Welsh, and you must not treat any Welsh language text less favourably than the English language text.           | <ul> <li>Remind staff through<br/>Communications Plan</li> <li>Include wording on intranet<br/>templates</li> </ul>  | See above   |
| 35 | If you organise a public event, or fund at least 50% of a public event, you must ensure that, in promoting the event, the Welsh language is treated no less favourably than the English language (for example, in the way the event is advertised or publicised). | <ul> <li>Create and promote a leaflet on<br/>Guidelines for Holding Public<br/>Events</li> <li>Create Guideline on Procurement<br/>and Distributing grants</li> <li>Develop guidelines for<br/>organisations receiving grants</li> </ul> | An information meeting held by the Commissioner and Eversheds legal company was attended to receive information regarding procurement. The Commissioner's Procurement Guideline has been distributed within the Council.  A grant panel for events has been established and sets linguistic requirements. |

|    |   |   |   | A conference for Event Organisers was held in the county and information regarding promoting the Welsh language.   |
|----|---|---|---|--|
| 36 | If you organise a public event, or fund at least 50% of a public event, you must ensure that the Welsh language is treated no less favourably than the English language at the event (for example, in relation to services offered to persons attending the event, in relation to signs displayed at the event and in relation to audio announcements made at the event). | • | Develop guidelines for organisations receiving grants   | Completed A grant panel for events has been established and sets linguistic requirements. A conference for Event Organisers was held in the county and information regarding promoting the Welsh language. |
| 37 | Any publicity or advertising material that you produce must be produced in Welsh, and if you produce the advertising material in Welsh and in English, you must not treat the Welsh language version less favourably than you treat the English language version.   | • | Publishing guideline including information on what needs to be published bilingually and how best to do this Discuss possibility of including information in Council's Brand Guidelines Make a poster to display in Council's printing rooms Contact IT for a list of all printer | Work was completed with the Communication Team to create a bilingual Design and Publish Guideline  Posters were created to display next to all Council printers  |

| 38 | Any material that you display in public must be displayed in Welsh, and you must not treat any Welsh language version of the material less favourably than the English language version.   | Create and promote a leaflet on<br>Guidelines for Holding Public<br>Events | Completed  |
|----|--|--|--|
| 41 | If you produce the following documents you must produce them in Welsh -  (a) agendas, minutes and other papers that are available to the public, which relate to management board or cabinet meetings; (b) agendas, minutes and other papers for meetings, conferences or seminars that are open to the public.  You must comply with standard 41(a) in every circumstance, except:  other papers that are available to the public, which relate to management board or cabinet meetings.  You must comply with standard 41(b) in every circumstance, except:  other papers for meetings that are open | Conduct a checking exercise following the Advisory Panel meeting           | Constant monitoring through the Democratic Services Unit |
| 42 | to the public.  Any licence or certificate you produce must be produced in Welsh.  | Develop a Design and Publishing Guideline                                  | Completed  |
| 43 | Any brochure, leaflet, pamphlet or card that you produce in order to provide information to the public must be produced in Welsh.  | Develop a Design and Publishing<br>Guideline                               | Completed  |

| 44 | If you produce the following documents, and they are available to the public, you must produce them in Welsh -  (a) policies, strategies, annual reports and corporate plans;  (b) guidelines and codes of practice;  | Develop Design and Publishing<br>Guideline  | Completed |
|----|---|---|-----------|
| 45 | (c) consultation papers.  Any rules that you publish that apply to the public must be published in Welsh.   | <ul> <li>Develop Design and         Publishing Guideline     </li> <li>Monitor published materials</li> </ul> | Completed |
| 46 | When you issue any statement to the press you must issue it in Welsh and, if there is a Welsh language version and an English language version of a statement, you must issue both versions at the same time.   | <ul> <li>Monitor news page content</li> <li>Contact Marketing &amp; Media<br/>Manager</li> </ul>              | Completed |
| 47 | If you produce a document for public use, and no other standard has required you to produce the document in Welsh, you must produce it in Welsh -  (a) if the subject matter of the document suggests that it should be produced in Welsh, or  (b) if the anticipated audience, and their expectations, suggests that the document should be produced in Welsh. | Develop Design and Publishing Guideline   | Completed |

| 48  | If you produce a document in Welsh and in English (whether separate versions or not), you must not treat any Welsh language version less favourably than you treat the English language version.  | Develop Design and Publishing<br>Guideline   | Completed |
|-----|---|--|-----------|
| 49  | If you produce a Welsh language version and a separate English language version of a document, you must ensure that the English language version clearly states that the document is also available in Welsh.   | <ul> <li>Develop Design and<br/>Publishing Guideline</li> <li>Include wording in Guideline</li> <li>Include wording in<br/>Correspondence Guideline</li> </ul> | Completed |
| 50  | Any form that you produce for public use must be produced in Welsh.   | Include in the leaflet on a Design and Publishing Guideline  | Completed |
| 50A | If you produce a Welsh language version and a separate English language version of a form, you must ensure that the English language version clearly states that the form is also available in Welsh.   | Include in the Design and Publishing Guideline   | Completed |
| 50B | If you produce a form in Welsh and in English (whether separate versions or not), you must ensure that the Welsh language version is treated no less favourably than the English language version, and you must not differentiate between the Welsh and English versions in relation to any requirements that are relevant to the form (for example in relation to any deadline for submitting the form, or in relation to the time allowed to respond to the content of the form). | Include in the Design and Publishing Guideline   | Completed |

| 51 | If you pre-enter information on a Welsh language version of a form (for example, before sending it to a member of the public in order for him or her to check the content or to fill in the remainder of the form), you must ensure that the information that you pre-enter is in Welsh. | Include in the Design and Publishing Guideline  | Completed  |
|----|--|---|--|
| 52 | You must ensure that -  (a) the text of each page of your website is available in Welsh,  (b) every Welsh language page on your website is fully functional, and  (c) the Welsh language is not treated less favourably than the English language on your website.                       | <ul> <li>Cooperate with Media &amp; Marketing team to monitor website content</li> <li>Remind staff through Umbraco training</li> </ul>   | In operation   |
| 55 | If you have a Welsh language web page that corresponds to an English language web page, you must state clearly on the English language web page that the page is also available in Welsh, and you must provide a direct link to the Welsh page on the corresponding English page.        | <ul> <li>Communicate Standards 52-59 to the individual departments</li> <li>Ensure that the website and updates are available in Welsh</li> <li>Draft a leaflet on a Guideline for Technology and the Welsh Language</li> </ul> | Completed  |
| 56 | You must provide the interface and menus on every page of your website in Welsh.   | Draft a leaflet on a Guideline for Technology and the Welsh Language  | Completed  |
| 57 | All apps that you publish must function fully in Welsh, and the Welsh language must be treated no less favourably than the English language in relation to that app.   | Draft a leaflet on a Guideline for<br>Technology and the Welsh<br>Language  | The Standards have been included in the policy 'Using Social Media'. |

| 58 | When you use social media you must not treat the Welsh language less favourably than the English language.  | <ul> <li>Draft a leaflet on a Guideline for<br/>Technology and the Welsh<br/>Language</li> <li>Ensure that the Media &amp; Marketing<br/>team include Standards 57 and 58<br/>in use of Social Media policy</li> </ul> | The Standards have been included in the policy 'Using Social Media'.   |
|----|---|--|--|
| 59 | If a person contacts you by social media in Welsh, you must reply in Welsh (if an answer is required).  | Draft a leaflet on a Guideline for Technology and the Welsh Language   | The Standards have been included in the policy 'Using Social Media'  |
| 60 | You must ensure that any self-service machines that you have function fully in Welsh, and the Welsh language must be treated no less favourably than the English language in relation to that machine.  | <ul> <li>Identify depts. Who use Selfservice machines (Leisure, HWB) – discuss with Staff Working group</li> <li>Include in Procurement and Commissioning guideline</li> </ul>   | It was decided not to create this guideline as the Commissioner has published a similar document.  |
| 61 | When you erect a new sign or renew a sign (including temporary signs), any text displayed on the sign must be displayed in Welsh (whether on the same sign as you display corresponding English language text or on a separate sign); and if the same text is displayed in Welsh and in English, you must not treat the Welsh language text less favourably than the English language text. | <ul> <li>Draft a Leaflet on Guidelines<br/>for Design and Publishing</li> <li>Include in Egair/Y gair</li> </ul>   | Completed  A check list template was created and provided for customer services staff and language leaders of the leisure and culture department to check signs and posters. |
| 62 | When you erect a new sign or renew a sign (including temporary signs) which conveys the   | <ul> <li>Include in the Design and<br/>Publishing Guideline</li> </ul>   | Completed  |

|    | same information in Welsh and in English, the Welsh language text must be positioned so that it is likely to be read first.   | Check arrangements for sign<br>procurement – exercise through<br>staff working group   | Have drawn the attention of staff to the standard in the staff newsletter. The Council is looking at the role of the staff working group.  |
|----|---|--|--|
| 63 | You must ensure that the Welsh language text on signs is accurate in terms of meaning and expression.   | Include in the Design and Publishing Guideline   | Completed  |
| 64 | Any reception service you make available in English must also be available in Welsh, and any person who requires a Welsh language reception service must not be treated less favourably than a person who requires an English language reception service. | <ul> <li>Draft spreadsheet of Reception<br/>Areas and disseminate<br/>information to staff</li> <li>Communicate the Standard to the<br/>Head of Customer Services</li> </ul> | Staff at the Customer Services Centre have received a presentation regarding the standards to ensure they are aware and to discuss any issues.  Completed  Training was provided by the company 'Sglein' on providing bilingual customer services to two groups of leisure staff and at the department's annual staff conference.  Working Welsh resources was |
| 67 | You must display a sign in your reception which   | See Standard 64  | distributed at the staff roadshows.  Completed   |
|    | states (in Welsh) that persons are welcome to use the Welsh language at the reception.  | <ul> <li>Draft email to all staff to<br/>communicate Standard, without<br/>forgetting public announcements,<br/>Standard 87</li> </ul>                                       | 'You are welcome to speak Welsh' signs have been created to display in receptions.   |

|    |  | <ul> <li>Distribute the above in Leisure<br/>Conference and to Language<br/>leaders</li> <li>Distribute Working Welsh<br/>materials following above email</li> </ul>                   |   |
|----|--|--|---|
| 68 | You must ensure that staff at the reception who are able to provide a Welsh language reception service wear a badge to convey that   | <ul><li>Policy team to correspond with<br/>Marketing &amp; Media Manager</li><li>See above</li></ul>   | Completed   |
| 69 | Any official notice that you publish or display must be published or displayed in Welsh, and you must not treat any Welsh language version of a notice less favourably than an English language version.                 | <ul><li>Include in the Design and<br/>Publishing Guideline</li><li>See 61</li></ul>  | Completed   |
| 70 | When you publish or display an official notice that contains Welsh language text as well as English language text, the Welsh language text must be positioned so that it is likely to be read first.                     | Include in the Design and Publishing Guideline   | Completed   |
| 71 | Any documents that you publish which relate to applications for a grant, must be published in Welsh, and you must not treat a Welsh language version of such documents less favourably than an English language version. | <ul> <li>Develop Procurement and<br/>Commissioning guideline</li> <li>Arrange meeting with Manager of<br/>West Wales European Centre to<br/>relay third sector requirements</li> </ul> | It was decided not to create<br>this guidance as the<br>Commissioner has published<br>a similar document. |

| 72  | When you invite applications for a grant, you must state in the invitation that applications may be submitted in Welsh and that any application submitted in Welsh will be treated no less favourably than an application submitted in English.   | Develop Procurement and Commissioning guideline | It was decided not to create this guidance as the Commissioner has published a similar document.  |
|-----|---|---|---|
| 72A | You must not treat applications for a grant submitted in Welsh less favourably than applications submitted in English (including, amongst other matters, in relation to the closing date for receiving applications and in relation to the time-scale for informing applicants of decisions).   | See above                                       | It was decided not to create this guidance as the Commissioner has published a similar document.  |
| 73  | If you receive an application for a grant in Welsh and it is necessary to interview an applicant as part of your assessment of the application, you must offer to conduct that interview in Welsh and, if the applicant so wishes, you must conduct the interview in Welsh (without the assistance of a simultaneous or consecutive translation service). |   | Following challenging the standard, the Commissioner determined the requirement for the Council to comply with the standard to be unreasonable or disproportionate at present. Standard 73 has been replaced with 74. |
| 74  | If you receive an application for a grant in Welsh and it is necessary to interview the applicant as part of your assessment of the application you must - (a) offer to provide a translation service from Welsh to English to enable the applicant to use the Welsh  |   | The final compliance notice was received from the Commissioner which included standard 74 instead of standard 73 after challenging the standard.  |

|     | language at the interview, and (b) if the applicant wishes to use the Welsh language at the interview, provide a simultaneous translation service for that purpose (unless you conduct the interview in Welsh without a translation service).                                      |   |  |
|-----|--|---|--|
| 75  | When you inform an applicant of your decision in relation to an application for a grant, you must do so in Welsh if the application was submitted in Welsh.  | Develop Procurement and<br>Commissioning guideline  | It was decided not to create this guidance as the Commissioner has published a similar document.                         |
| 77  | When you publish invitations to tender for a contract, you must state in the invitation that tenders may be submitted in Welsh, and that a tender submitted in Welsh will be treated no less favourably than a tender submitted in English.  | <ul> <li>Contact Commissioning<br/>team within Social Services<br/>to attend team meeting</li> <li>Develop Procurement and<br/>Commissioning guideline</li> </ul> | Team meeting attended.  It was decided not to create this guidance as the Commissioner has published a similar document. |
| 77A | You must not treat a tender for a contract submitted in Welsh less favourably than a tender submitted in English (including, amongst other matters, in relation to the closing date for receiving tenders, and in relation to the timescale for informing tenderers of decisions). | Develop Procurement and<br>Commissioning guideline  | It was decided not to create this guidance as the Commissioner has published a similar document.                         |
| 79  | If you receive a tender in Welsh and it is necessary to interview the tenderer as part of your assessment of the tender you must -  (a) offer to provide a translation service from Welsh to English to enable the tenderer to use the Welsh language at the interview, and if the | Develop Procurement and<br>Commissioning guideline  | It was decided not to create this guidance as the Commissioner has published a similar document.                         |

| 80 | tenderer wishes to use the Welsh language at the interview, provide a simultaneous translation service for that purpose (unless you conduct the interview in Welsh without a translation service).  When you inform a tenderer of your decision in relation to a tender, you must do so in Welsh if the tender was submitted in Welsh. | See above  | It was decided not to create this guidance as the Commissioner has published a similar document.   |
|----|--|--|--|
| 81 | You must promote any Welsh language service that you provide, and advertise that service in Welsh.   | Continue to identify joint opportunities with the Marketing Unit to promote the Council's Welsh language services during the year, e.g. Carmarthenshire Radio, Council websites,     Bus stops     Carmarthenshire News     Markets  Consider County forum's role through Promotion Strategy | Campaigns were held to promote the council's Welsh language services  Bus stops (see attachment 2) Carmarthenshire News Market 'Our produce, Our Language' campaign  An initial discussion was had as part of writing the Strategy but more attention will be needed in 2017/18. |
| 82 | If you provide a service in Welsh that corresponds to a service you provide in English, any publicity or document that you produce, or website that you publish, which refers to the English service must also state that a corresponding service is available in Welsh.   | Create a leaflet on Design and Publication Guidelines  | Completed  |

| 83 | When you form, revise or present your corporate identity, you must not treat the Welsh language less favourably than the English language.   | <ul> <li>Create a leaflet on Design<br/>and Publication Guidelines</li> <li>Include information in<br/>Corporate Brand Guidelines</li> </ul>   | Completed   |
|----|--|--|---|
| 84 | If you offer an education course that is open to the public, you must offer it in Welsh.  You must comply with standard 84 in every circumstance, except:  o when an assessment carried out in accordance with standard 86 comes to the conclusion that there is no need for that course to be offered in Welsh. | <ul> <li>Discuss internally and draft criteria that will assist in the needs assessments for Welsh medium courses</li> <li>Organise workshop with staff who run courses regularly to discuss criteria</li> <li>Run a specific project with the unit that organises training for school governors</li> <li>Create database of bilingual trainers</li> </ul> | Work with Balanceability companies to provide training for trainers by using translation equipment  Work with the Housing department to provide Welsh medium or bilingual landlord training  Education department has conducted a language skills audit of school Governors |
| 86 | If you develop an education course that is to be offered to the public, you must assess the need for that course to be offered in Welsh; and you must ensure that the assessment is published on your website.   | <ul> <li>See 84</li> <li>Draw attention to the need for assessments on the council website.</li> <li>Discuss with Communications dept. location for these assessments on Welsh Web pages. Discuss branding of content</li> </ul>   | Education department has conducted a language skills audit of school Governors  |

| 87  | When you announce a message over a public address system, you must make that announcement in Welsh and, if the announcement is made in Welsh and in English, the announcement must be made in Welsh first.   | <ul> <li>Draw attention of Language<br/>Leaders following the training</li> <li>See 67</li> </ul>   | Completed  |
|-----|--|---|--|
| 155 | You must ensure that a document which records the service delivery standards with which you are under a duty to comply, and the extent to which you are under a duty to comply with those standards, is available -  (a) on your website, and  (b) in each of your offices that are open to the public.  | <ul> <li>Publish Standard document on website</li> <li>Contact Customer Services manager to explain where document can be found</li> </ul>                                    | Completed  (b) A presentation was made to the Customer Services Team regarding the standards which included referring staff to the documents on the website. A link was sent to staff following the meeting to assist with this. |
| 156 | You must -  (a) ensure that you have a complaints procedure that deals with the following matters -  (i) how you intend to deal with complaints relating to your compliance with the service delivery standards with which you are under a duty to comply, and  (ii) how you will provide training for your staff in relation to dealing with those complaints,  (b) publish a document that records that procedure on your website, and | <ul> <li>Meeting with AM</li> <li>Discuss internally reviewing the steps of complaints procedure to ensure answerability</li> <li>Check links on corporate website</li> </ul> | Completed  |

|     | (c) ensure that a copy of that document is available in each of your offices that are open to the public.   |  |   |
|-----|---|--|---|
| 157 | You must ensure that  (a) you have arrangements for  (a) overseeing the way you comply with the service delivery standards with which you are under a duty to comply,  (b) promoting the services that you offer in accordance with those standards, and  (c) facilitating the use of those services,  (a) publish a document that records those arrangements on your website, and  (b) ensure that a copy of that document is available in each of your offices that are open to the public.   | Internal discussions on how to report to the Commissioner and include the promotional, facilitation and supervisory elements in the action plan / annual report.                       | A format for the annual action plan was agreed upon as well as including elements of promoting, facilitating and monitoring.            |
| 158 | (1) You must produce a report (an "annual report"), in Welsh, in relation to each financial year, which deals with the way in which you have complied with the service delivery standards with which you were under a duty to comply during that year.  (2) The annual report must include the number of complaints that you received during that year which related to your compliance with the service delivery standards with which you were under a duty to comply.  (3) You must publish the annual report no later than 30 June following the financial year to | Internal discussions (Staff Working Group) on how to report to the Commissioner and include the promotional, facilitation and supervisory elements in the action plan / annual report. | A format to report was agreed upon as well as including elements of promoting, facilitating and monitoring which was the annual report. |

|     | which the report relates.  (4) You must publicise the fact that you have published an annual report.  (5) You must ensure that a current copy of your annual report is available -  (a) on your website, and  (b) in each of your offices that are open to the public. |  |  |
|-----|--|--|--|
| 159 | You must publish a document on your website which explains how you intend to comply with the service delivery standards with which you are under a duty to comply.   | Publish Action Plan                              | Completed  |
| 160 | You must provide any information requested by the Welsh Language Commissioner which relates to your compliance with the service delivery standards with which you are under a duty to comply.  | Act responsively to the Commissioner's enquiries | Information was provided to the Commissioner as requested. Swimming Lessons Investigation Research report by Cwmni laith on behalf on the Commissioner about promoting services. |

## Class of Standard: Policy Making

| Standard<br>Number | Standard  | Action Points 16-17  | Status and evidence  |
|--------------------|---|--|--|
| 88                 | When you formulate a new policy, or review or revise an existing policy, you must consider what effects, if any (whether positive or adverse), the policy decision would have on -  (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and  (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language. | <ul> <li>Internal discussions on the need to draw up specialist guidelines on the impact of policies on the Welsh language.</li> <li>Consider possibility of creating a guideline with Ceredigion and Gwynedd</li> <li>Include the Welsh language as part of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act Impact Assessment process.</li> <li>Further discussion on the need to have specialist advice on the effect of decisions or policies on the Welsh language</li> <li>Meeting in March to discuss assessments on the effect on the Welsh language, equalities and wellbeing of future generations</li> </ul> | An integrated impact assessment has been prepared and agreed that brings together the Wellbeing of Future Generations legislation, equalities, the Welsh language, the environmental act and the United Nations Convention on Children's Rights. The assessment includes specific questions regarding the Welsh language and the impact of any policy on the rights on Welsh language speakers to use the language and how we promote the Welsh language.  An integrated assessment guideline has been created with a specific section for the Welsh language.  A meeting has taken place with lead officers in the areas. Have received feedback on the draft assessment from the relevant officials. |

| 00 | When you formulate a new policy or review an     | Coo Ctondord CO                     | Cas above                    |
|----|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 89 | When you formulate a new policy, or review or    | See Standard 88                     | See above                    |
|    | revise an existing policy, you must consider how |                                     |                              |
|    | the policy could be formulated (or how an        |                                     |                              |
|    | existing policy could be changed) so that the    |                                     |                              |
|    | policy decision would have positive effects, or  |                                     |                              |
|    | increased positive effects, on –                 |                                     |                              |
|    | a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh    |                                     |                              |
|    | language, and                                    |                                     |                              |
|    | b) treating the Welsh language no less           |                                     |                              |
|    | favourably than the English language.            |                                     |                              |
| 90 | When you formulate a new policy, or review or    | See 88                              | See above                    |
|    | revise an existing policy, you must consider how |                                     |                              |
|    | the policy could be formulated (or how an        |                                     |                              |
|    | existing policy could be changed) so that the    |                                     |                              |
|    | policy decision would not have adverse effects,  |                                     |                              |
|    | or so that it would have decreased adverse       |                                     |                              |
|    | effects, on –                                    |                                     |                              |
|    | a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh    |                                     |                              |
|    | language, and                                    |                                     |                              |
|    | b) treating the Welsh language no less           |                                     |                              |
|    | favourably than the English language.            |                                     |                              |
| 91 | When you publish a consultation document         | Initial discussion with the Policy, | Two questions have been      |
|    | which relates to a policy decision, the document | Consultation & Engagement           | included in all consultation |
|    | must consider, and seek views on, the effects    | Officer                             | documents / templates        |
|    | (whether positive or adverse) that the policy    |                                     | · ·                          |
|    | decision under consideration would have on -     |                                     | Ensure that the questions    |
|    | (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh   |                                     | are included and             |
|    | language, and                                    |                                     | communicated to everyone     |
|    | (b) treating the Welsh language no less          |                                     | conducting consultations     |
|    | favourably than the English language.            |                                     |                              |
|    | 1.5.2 Stably than the English language.          |                                     |                              |

| 92 | When you publish a consultation document which relates to a policy decision the document must consider, and seek views on, how the policy under consideration could be formulated or revised so that it would have positive effects, or increased positive effects, on  (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and  (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.                              | See 91   |                    |
|----|--|--|--------------------|
| 93 | When you publish a consultation document which relates to a policy decision the document must consider, and seek views on, how the policy under consideration could be formulated or revised so that it would not have adverse effects, or so that it would have decreased adverse effects, on -  (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and  (b) b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language. | See 91   |                    |
| 94 | You must produce and publish a policy on awarding grants (or, where appropriate, amend an existing policy) which requires you to take the  | <ul> <li>Discuss internally how to measure impact</li> <li>Discuss with other local authorities</li> </ul> | Work is continuing |

| following matters into account when you make        | the possibility of developing a toolkit |
|---|---|
| decisions in relation to the awarding of a grant –  | to measure impact of policies or        |
| (a) what effects, if any (and whether positive or   | decision on the Welsh language          |
| negative), the awarding of a grant would have on    |   |
|   |   |
| (i) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh      |   |
| language, and                                       |   |
| (ii) treating the Welsh language no less            |   |
| favourably than the English language;               |   |
| (b) how the decision could be taken or              |   |
| implemented (for example, by imposing               |   |
| conditions of grant) so that it would have positive |   |
| effects, or increased positive effects, on –        |   |
| (i) opportunities for persons to use the            |   |
| Welsh language, and                                 |   |
| (ii) treating the Welsh language no less            |   |
| favourably than the English language;               |   |
| (c) how the decision could be taken or              |   |
| implemented (for example, by imposing               |   |
| conditions of grant) so that it would not have      |   |
| adverse effects, or so that it would have           |   |
| decreased adverse effects on -                      |   |
| (i) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh      |   |
| language, and                                       |   |
| (ii) treating the Welsh language no less            |   |
| favourably than the English language;               |   |
| (ch)whether you need to ask the applicant for any   |   |
| additional information in order to assist you in    |   |
| assessing the effects of awarding a grant on –      |   |

|    | (i)opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and (ii)treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.   |  |  |
|----|---|--|--|
| 95 | When you commission or undertake research that is intended to assist you to make a policy decision,   | Commissioning and Grant<br>Awarding Guidelines | It was decided not to create this guidance as the Commissioner has published a similar document. |
| 96 | When you commission or undertake research that is intended to assist you to make a policy decision, you must ensure that the research considers how the policy decision under consideration could be made so that it would have a positive effects, or so that it would have increased positive effects, on -  (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language. |  | It was decided not to create this guidance as the Commissioner has published a similar document. |

| 97  | When you commission or undertake research that is intended to assist you to make a policy decision, you must ensure that the research considers how the policy decision under consideration could be made so that it would not have adverse effects, or so that it would have decreased adverse effects, on -  (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language. |  | It was decided not to create this guidance as the Commissioner has published a similar document. |
|-----|---|--|--|
| 161 | You must ensure that a document which records the policy making standards with which you are under a duty to comply, and the extent to which you are under a duty to comply with those standards, is available -  (a) on your website, and (b) in each of your offices that are open to the public.   | Publish the Standards document on the Council website.  Contact Customer services department to ensure that staff are aware of its location on the website | Completed  |
| 162 | You must -  (a) ensure that you have a complaints procedure that deals with the following matters -how you intend to deal with complaints relating to your compliance with the policy making standards with which you are under a duty to comply, and  (i) how you will provide training for your staff in relation to dealing with those complaints,   | Look at i-local website for comments   | The Complaints procedure is available on the website   |

|     | <ul><li>(b) publish a document that records that procedure on your website, and</li><li>(c) ensure that a copy of that document is available in each of your offices that are open to the public.</li></ul>  |  |   |
|-----|--|--|---|
| 163 | You must -  (a) ensure that you have arrangements for overseeing the way you comply with the policy making standards with which you are under a duty to comply,  (b) publish a document that records those arrangements on your website, and ensure that a copy of that document is available in each of your offices that are open to the public.   | Discuss internally how to report to Commissioner and include elements of promoting, facilitating and overseeing in the Action Plan/Annual report                 | A format for the annual action plan was agreed upon as well as including elements of promoting, facilitating and monitoring.            |
| 164 | <ul> <li>(1) You must produce a report (an "annual report"), in Welsh, in relation to each financial year, which deals with the way in which you have complied with the policy making standards with which you were under a duty to comply during that year.</li> <li>(2) The annual report must include the number of complaints you received during the year which related to your compliance with the policy making standards with which you were under a duty to comply.</li> <li>(3) You must publish the annual report no later than 30 June following the financial year to which the report</li> </ul> | Internal discussions on how to report to the Commissioner and include the promotional, facilitation and supervisory elements in the action plan / annual report. | A format to report was agreed upon as well as including elements of promoting, facilitating and monitoring which was the annual report. |

|     | relates.  (4) You must publicise the fact that you have published an annual report.  (5) You must ensure that a current copy of your annual report is available -  (a) on your website, and  (b) in each of your offices that are open to the public. |   |           |
|-----|---|---|-----------|
| 165 | You must publish a document on your website which explains how you intend to comply with the policy making standards with which you are under a duty to comply.   | Publish the action plan on the internet           | Completed |
| 166 | You must provide any information requested by the Welsh Language Commissioner which relates to compliance with the policy making standards with which you are under a duty to comply.   | Act responsively to the Commissioner's enquiries. |           |

# Class of Standard: Operational

| Standard<br>Number | Standard  | Action Points 16-17   | Status and evidence  |
|--------------------|---|---|--|
| 98                 | You must develop a policy on using Welsh internally for the purpose of promoting and facilitating the use of the language, and you must publish that policy on your intranet.  When you offer a new post to an individual, you                                  | <ul> <li>Discuss internally and give further consideration to developing a policy on using the Welsh language internally</li> <li>Consider including Standards 99 – 144 in the policy on using the Welsh language internally.</li> <li>Draft a policy to be presented to the Advisory Panel and the Staff Working Party</li> <li>Senior officers to scrutinise the document internally</li> <li>Corporate Management team</li> <li>Ask the Human Resources</li> </ul> | A policy was published on using the Welsh language internally after being approved by the Executive Board of the County Council. Many elements of the internal use policy has been promoted but the policy itself hasn't been promoted.  Standard documentation is |
| 99                 | when you offer a new post to an individual, you must ask that individual whether he or she wishes for the contract of employment or contract for services to be provided in Welsh; and if that is the individual's wish you must provide the contract in Welsh. | Ask the Human Resources     Department for update on     Standards 99-119 and 127-131,     136-140.   | available bilingually.   |
| 100                | You must –  (a) ask each employee whether he or she wishes to receive any paper correspondence that relates to his or her employment, and which is addressed to him or her personally, in Welsh, and  | See above   | Standard documentation is available bilingually.   |

|     | (b) if an employee so wishes, provide any such correspondence to that employee in Welsh.  |   |   |
|-----|---|---|---|
| 101 | You must ask each employee whether he or she wishes to receive any documents that outline his or her training needs or requirements in Welsh; and if that is the employee's wish you must provide any such documents to him or to her in Welsh. | See above   | <ul> <li>Standard documentation, including advertising, applications, and confirmation of learning events are available bilingually.</li> <li>Available on Council's Intranet.</li> </ul>   |
| 102 | You must ask each employee whether he or she wishes to receive any documents that outline his or her performance objectives in Welsh; and if that is the employee's wish you must provide any such documents to him or to her in Welsh.         | See above   | <ul> <li>Current standard documentation is available bilingually.</li> <li>Available on the Council's Intranet.</li> </ul>  |
| 103 | You must ask each employee whether he or she wishes to receive any documents that outline or record his or her career plan in Welsh; and if that is the employee's wish you must provide any such documents to him or to her in Welsh.          | Request update from the Learning<br>and Development team and<br>Performance Management team | L&D have arranged for all active programmes [from 01.04.16] that outline and record employee development to be available in Welsh. These have been built into the Council's HR/Payroll [ResourceLink [RL] Training Module] system, and reporting structures [Cognos] have been updated to allow employees to choose documents that record their |

| 105 | If you publish a policy relating to behaviour in the workplace, you must publish it in            | Human Resources Department | development [Training Profiles] in Welsh or English. These are integral to employee career plans. Employment Policies available in Welsh and |
|-----|---|----------------------------|--|
|     | Welsh.  |                            | English and via the Council's intranet.  |
| 106 | If you publish a policy relating to health and well-being at work, you must publish it in Welsh.  | See above                  | Employee Wellbeing Policies available in Welsh and English and via the Council's intranet.   |
| 107 | If you publish a policy relating to salaries or workplace benefits, you must publish it in Welsh. | See above                  | Employment Policies available in Welsh and English and via the Council's intranet.   |
| 108 | If you publish a policy relating to performance management, you must publish it in Welsh.         | Learning and Development   | Policies are available bilingually and on the Council's Intranet.  |
| 109 | If you publish a policy about absence from work, you must publish it in Welsh.                    | See above                  | Employment Policies available in Welsh and English and via the Council's intranet.   |
| 110 | If you publish a policy relating to working conditions, you must publish it in Welsh.             | See above                  | Employment Policies available in Welsh and English and via the Council's intranet.   |
| 111 | If you publish a policy regarding work patterns, you must publish it in Welsh.                    | See above                  | Employment Policies available in Welsh and   |

|      |  |   | English and via the Council's intranet.             |
|------|--|---|---|
| 112  | You must allow each member of staff -  (a) to make complaints to you in Welsh, and  (b) to respond in Welsh to any complaint made about him or about her.  | Discuss with complaints dept.   |   |
| 112A | You must state in any document that you have that sets out your procedures for making complaints that each member of staff may -  (a) make a complaint to you in Welsh, and  (b) respond to a complaint made about him or about her in Welsh; and you must also inform each member of staff of that right.   | <ul> <li>Discuss with complaints dept.</li> <li>Human Resources dept to include in complaints procedures and induction package</li> <li>Inform Managers and all staff of the right – content of Internal use of Welsh Policy</li> </ul> | Grievance procedures meet this standard.            |
| 114  | If you receive a complaint from a member of staff or a complaint about a member of staff, and a meeting is required with that member of staff, you must -  (a) ask the member of staff whether he or she wishes to use the Welsh language at the meeting;  (b) explain that you will provide a translation service from Welsh to English for that purpose if it is required; and if the member of staff wishes to use the Welsh language, you must provide a simultaneous translation service from Welsh to English at the meeting (unless you conduct the meeting in Welsh without translation services). | <ul> <li>Discuss with complaints dept.</li> <li>Human Resources dept to include in complaints procedures and induction package</li> <li>Inform Managers and all staff of the right – content of Internal use of Welsh Policy</li> </ul> | Grievance procedures meet this standard.  Completed |

| 115  | When you inform a member of staff of a decision you have reached in relation to a complaint made by him or by her, or in relation to a complaint made about him or about her, you must do so in Welsh if that member of staff—  (a) made the complaint in Welsh,  (b) responded in Welsh to a complaint about him or about her,  (c) asked for a meeting about the complaint to be conducted in Welsh, or  (ch) asked to use the Welsh language at a meeting about the complaint. | - | Discuss with complaints dept. Human Resources dept to include in complaints procedures and induction package Inform Managers and all staff of the right – content of Internal use of Welsh Policy            | Grievance procedures meet this standard.  Completed  |
|------|---|---|--|--|
| 116  | You must allow all members of staff to respond in Welsh to allegations made against them in any internal disciplinary process.  | - | Human resources dept. to include in disciplinary procedures and induction package Ask for update on disciplinary procedures Inform managers and all staff of right – content of internal use of Welsh policy | Disciplinary process meets this standard.  Completed |
| 116A | You must -  (a) state in any document that you have which sets out your arrangements for disciplining staff that any member of staff may respond in Welsh to any allegations made against him or against her, and   | - | Human resources dept. to include in disciplinary procedures and induction package Ask for update on disciplinary procedures  | Disciplinary process meets this standard.            |

|     | (b) if you commence a disciplinary procedure in relation to a member of staff, inform that member of staff of that right.   | <ul> <li>Inform managers and all staff of<br/>right – content of internal use of<br/>Welsh</li> </ul>   | Completed  |
|-----|---|---|--|
| 118 | If you organise a meeting with a member of staff regarding a disciplinary matter that relates to his or her conduct you must -  (a) ask the member of staff whether he or she wishes to use the Welsh language at the meeting, and  (b) explain that you will provide a translation service for that purpose if it is required; and, if the member of staff wishes to use the Welsh language, you must provide a simultaneous translation service from Welsh to English at the meeting (unless you conduct the meeting in Welsh without a translation service). | <ul> <li>Human resources dept. to include in disciplinary procedures and induction package</li> <li>Ask for update on disciplinary procedures</li> <li>Inform managers and all staff of right – content of internal use of Welsh</li> </ul> | Disciplinary process meets this standard.  Completed |
| 119 | When you inform a member of staff of a decision you have reached following a disciplinary process, you must do so in Welsh if that member of staff –  (a) responded to allegations made against him or her in Welsh,  (b) asked for a meeting regarding the disciplinary process to be conducted in Welsh, or  (c) asked to use the Welsh language at a meeting regarding the disciplinary process.   | <ul> <li>Human resources dept. to include in disciplinary procedures and induction package</li> <li>Ask for update on disciplinary procedures Inform managers and all staff of right – content of internal use of Welsh</li> </ul>          | Disciplinary process meets this standard.  Completed |
| 120 | You must provide staff with computer software for checking spelling and grammar in Welsh, and   | Cooperate with IT division on guidelines on how to use  | It was ensured that the necessary language packs     |

|     | provide Welsh language interfaces for software (where an interface exists).  | technology to writhe in Welsh and keep an eye on Windows 2013 developments  Offer the explanation to other departmental newsletters Include in the guidelines on Writing in Welsh | were distributed at the same time as Windows 2013 was introduced to all council staff. 'Writing in Welsh and your Computer' Guidance was published which included an explanation on using Welsh interfaces and software that checks spelling and grammar.  Attention was given to the above Guidance in the staff newsletter and various internal meetings. |
|-----|--|---|---|
| 122 | You must ensure that -  (a) the text of the homepage of your intranet is available in Welsh,  (b) any Welsh language text on your intranet's homepage (or, where relevant, your Welsh language intranet homepage) is fully functional, and  (c) the Welsh language is treated no less favourably than the English language in relation to the homepage of your intranet. | Hold discussions with the<br>Communications Department<br>and confirm timetable   | Completed. The intranet is completely bilingual.  |
| 123 | You must ensure that each time you publish a new intranet page or amend a page -  (a) the text of that page is available in Welsh,   | Hold discussions with the Communications Department   | Completed. The intranet is completely bilingual.  |

|     | <ul><li>(b) any Welsh language version of that page is fully functional, and</li><li>(c) the Welsh language is treated no less favourably than the English language in relation to the text of that page.</li></ul>  |  |  |
|-----|--|--|--|
| 124 | If you have a Welsh language page on your intranet that corresponds to an English language page, you must state clearly on the English language page that the page is also available in Welsh, and must provide a direct link to the Welsh language page on the corresponding English language page. | Hold discussions with the<br>Communications Department   | Completed. The intranet is completely bilingual.   |
| 125 | You must designate and maintain a page (or pages) on your intranet which provides services and support material to promote the Welsh language and to assist your staff to use the Welsh language.  | <ul> <li>Ensure transfer of resources from the Welsh 'Parth'</li> <li>Ensure that information on Language skills development opportunities appear on new intranet</li> <li>Publish Support Guidelines on Writing in Welsh on intranet</li> </ul> | Completed  The 'Parth' resources are now on the intranet.  There is a page on the intranet about opportunities to learn Welsh.  Six guidelines have been uploaded to the new intranet explaining the Standards' requirements.  The Leisure division's temporary signs have been checked and filed on the internal file plan. |

| 126 | You must provide the interface and menus on your intranet pages in Welsh.  | Discuss with the Marketing & Media team   | Completed. The intranet is completely bilingual.  |
|-----|--|---|---|
| 127 | You must assess the Welsh languages skills of your employees.  | <ul> <li>Discuss with Human resources</li> <li>Receive initial phase of audit results</li> <li>Confirm arrangements for audit of language skills of staff without office contact</li> <li>Receive audit results of staff without office contact</li> <li>Ensure that information is transferred to outlook</li> <li>Ensure that Learning and development receive information and respond through provision</li> </ul> | The first results of the audit have been received.  |
| 130 | You must provide opportunities during working hours -  (a) for your employees to receive basic Welsh language lessons, and  (b) for employees who manage others to receive training on using the Welsh language in their role as managers. | <ul> <li>Learning and Development to map current provision</li> <li>Restructure provision</li> <li>Market provision</li> </ul> • Respond to the result of the Egin tendering process  | Following delays with the Work Welsh tenders, a new programme of Welsh language courses was launched in accordance with the tender. The provision was extensively marketed and a significant increase was seen in the number of council staff who attended courses. See above |

|     | You must provide opportunities for employees | <ul> <li>Offer a language development course to managers</li> <li>Offer training to managers on the Language Skills Strategy</li> <li>Receive the first phase results of the Language Skills Audit</li> <li>Ensure that L and D receive data and respond with provision planning</li> <li>Program of Welsh learning in place for new academic year</li> </ul> | The course was not held in 2016/17. Human Resources department held briefing sessions for managers. See above.  • A Learning & Development Advisor (Welsh Language) has been recruited and will start on the 6th July in order to create an integrated programme. This programme will take into account the results of the language skills audit. • The range of language development courses has been increased. The Croeso i'r Gymraeg (level 1) has been well attended • Programme of Welsh learning under development for the new academic year. |
|-----|--|---|--|
| 131 | who have completed basic Welsh language      | W2 anove  | for employees to take up<br>further Welsh language   |

| training to receive further training free of charge, | training [free of charge]                |
|--|--|
| to develop their language skills.                    | include:                                 |
|  | <ul><li>Improving your Welsh:</li></ul>  |
|  | Spoken Welsh A                           |
|  | [increased attendance                    |
|  | from 5 to 7 on 15-16];                   |
|  | o Improving your Welsh:                  |
|  | Spoken Welsh B;                          |
|  | o Improving your Welsh:                  |
|  | Written & Spoken                         |
|  | Welsh;                                   |
|  | o Improving your Welsh:                  |
|  | Written Welsh                            |
|  | [increased attendance                    |
|  | from 3 to 10 on 15-16];                  |
|  | ○ Welsh Language                         |
|  | Mentoring Skills [This                   |
|  | programme aims to                        |
|  | increase the number                      |
|  | of Welsh Language                        |
|  | Mentors to support                       |
|  | Learners];                               |
|  | <ul> <li>A suite of Welsh for</li> </ul> |
|  | Adults Classes also                      |
|  | include:                                 |
|  | o Canolradd 1                            |
|  | o Canolradd 2                            |
|  | o Mynediad 1                             |
|  | o Mynediad 2                             |
|  | ○ Sylfaen 1                              |

|     |   |   | <ul> <li>Sylfaen 2</li> <li>[Available on the Council's Intranet]</li> <li>A 'Summer School' learning provision has also supported this Standard.</li> </ul>  |
|-----|---|---|---|
| 132 | You must provide training courses so that your employees can develop -  (a) awareness of the Welsh language (including awareness of its history and its role in Welsh culture);  (b) an understanding of the duty to operate in accordance with the Welsh language standards;  (c) an understanding of how the Welsh language can be used in the workplace. | <ul> <li>Communicate Internal use of Welsh Policy (S98)</li> <li>Cooperate with L and D on new induction module with Optimwm</li> <li>Continue with the discussion on creating a new language awareness module following consideration of the AWA* module content</li> <li>Provide training through Sglein on provision of services in accordance with the Standards to the leisure dept.</li> <li>Consider similar training for other departments</li> <li>** A new module is being developed by partner organisations within the All Wales Academy [AWA] - The new 'Croeso i'r Gymraeg' includes information on Welsh Language Awareness, understanding of the duty in accordance with the WL Standards and understanding of how the WL can be used in the workplace</li> </ul> | It was arranged to include information about the language standards in the corporate induction module.  A new language awareness module was developed to incorporate the changes introduced by the Language Measure and to explain the Welsh Language Standards  A number of training sessions were provided by the company Sglein as well as a session om the departmental annual conference.  This course of action with AWA was not followed. It was |

decided to include it all in the corporate module. Croeso i'r Gymraeg, level 1 Welsh course is available to all staff - all non-level 1 staff are prioritised to meet minimum skills requirements. E-learning modules -Highlights the responsibilities for public bodies to provide services in both Welsh and English and forms part of the engaging in diversity learning module. The Welsh language awareness will form part of a mandatory set of learning modules for all staff. Mentoring Course - good working group linking with learners to provide additional support. Customer Care – Basic Language development included. Language improvement courses – take up improved. Existing learning and development

| 133 | When you provide information to new employees (for example by means of an induction process), you must provide information for the purpose of raising their awareness of the Welsh language.   | <ul> <li>Design a current language<br/>awareness e-module for induction<br/>purposes</li> <li>Include Language Awareness<br/>elements in new Induction e-module</li> <li>Consider including the guideline<br/>leaflets in electronic package for<br/>new employees. Discuss with HR</li> </ul> | programmes/events continue to raise awareness of the need for language sensitive practice including - Effective communication, safeguarding, dementia and meaningful engagement.  AMHP County Fora, DoLS practice exchanges, DoLS for Managing Authorities, Mental Health First Aid and Mental Capacity Act Training for Adult Placement Carers, Direct Payments training.  See standard 132  Recruitment and Induction/Welcome Packs available bilingually. |
|-----|--|--|--|
| 134 | You must provide text or a logo for your staff to include in e-mail signatures which will enable them to indicate whether they speak Welsh fluently or whether they are learning the language. | <ul> <li>Develop wording and include it in the Support Guidelines on Writing Welsh</li> <li>Keep a record of possible support for a new resource on the intranet</li> <li>Commission development of a</li> </ul>   | The guidance 'Writing in Welsh and your computer' has been completed. Staff were reminded through the staff newsletter of the need to include the logo speaking or learning Welsh on e-mail.   |

|     |  | • | new resource. Include reference to guidelines in Internal Use of Welsh Policy Discuss with IT the possibility of including statement on Welsh language in every email   | Canolfan Peniarth was commissioned to create supporting resources for the intranet. Completed  It was decided not to discuss with IT as the current arrangements in terms of sharing the guidelines with staff works well. |
|-----|--|---|---|--|
| 135 | You must provide wording for your employees which will enable them to include a Welsh language version of their contact details in e-mail messages, and to provide a Welsh language version of any message which informs others that they are unavailable to respond to e-mail messages. | • | Support BSO to monitor Out of Office messages following the publication of guidelines Include in the guideline 'Writing in Welsh' Include in Internal Use of Welsh Policy Consider publishing guidelines on form of posters to circulate through staff working group Check names of departments with HR | Completed  Completed  The wording has been included in the IT department's guideline 'Using e-mail'  Guidelines were printed as posters and were distributed to the Language Leaders, and in the road shows.               |

| 136  | When you assess the requirements for a new or vacant post, you must assess the need for Welsh language skills, and categorise it as a post where one or more of the following apply -  (a) Welsh language skills are essential;  (b) Welsh language skills need to be learnt when appointed to the post;  (c) Welsh language skills are desirable; or (ch) Welsh language skills are not necessary. | <ul> <li>Human Resources department / Language Skills Strategy</li> <li>New Language Skills Strategy adopted in January 2016</li> <li>Guidelines on Language Skills and Recruitment circulated to all managers and heads of service</li> <li>All council jobs are advertised on level 1 on the skills assessment framework as a minimum</li> <li>Monitor Job descriptions</li> <li>Maintain regular meetings with HR</li> <li>Check the link form the job descriptions to the new Strategy</li> <li>Discuss with HR monitoring work</li> </ul> | Completed   |
|------|---|--|---|
| 136A | If you have categorised a post as one where Welsh language skills are essential, desirable or need to be learnt you must -  (a) specify that when advertising the post, and (b) advertise the post in Welsh.  | HR/Skills Strategy   | Completed   |
| 137  | When you advertise a post, you must state that applications may be submitted in Welsh, and that an application submitted in Welsh will not be treated less favourably than an application submitted in English.   | Monitor compliance   | Completed Front page of jobs pages on Council website carry the following text: Applications for a post may be submitted in Welsh or English. |

| 137A | If you publish -  (a) application forms for posts;  (b) material that explains your procedure for applying for posts;  (c) information about your interview process, or about other assessment methods when applying for posts;  (ch) job descriptions;  you must publish them in Welsh; and you must ensure that the Welsh language versions of the documents are treated no less favourably than any English language versions of those documents. | HR – check explanatory resources regarding new skills strategy                               | Completed Welsh and English job pages available on Council website. |
|------|--|--|---|
| 137B | You must not treat an application for a post made in Welsh less favourably than you treat an application made in English (including, amongst other matters, in relation to the closing date you set for receiving applications and in relation to any time-scale for informing individuals of decisions).  | HR – Check current guideline and develop new guideline on recruitment and the Welsh Language | Completed Our recruitment procedures meet this standard.            |
| 139  | You must ensure that your application forms for posts -  (a) provide a space for individuals to indicate that they wish to use the Welsh language at an interview or at any other method of assessment, and  | HR – discuss (a) in terms of application forms and provision of simultaneous translation     | Completed<br>Application form meets<br>standard.                    |

|     | (b) explain that you will provide a translation service from Welsh to English for that purpose if it is required; and, if the individual wishes to use the Welsh language at the interview or assessment, you must provide a simultaneous translation service at the interview or assessment (unless you conduct the interview or assessment in Welsh without that translation service).              |  |  |
|-----|---|--|--|
| 140 | When you inform an individual of your decision in relation to an application for a post, you must do so in Welsh if the application was made in Welsh.  | HR   | Completed Standard documentation is available bilingually. |
| 141 | When you erect a new sign or renew a sign in your workplace (including temporary signs), any text displayed on the sign must be displayed in Welsh (whether on the same sign as the corresponding English language text or on a separate sign), and if the same text is displayed in Welsh and in English, you must not treat the Welsh language text less favourably than the English language text. | <ul> <li>Ensure that Corporate Property<br/>and Property Maintenance<br/>include this Standard in their<br/>procedures.</li> <li>Create database on intranet of<br/>terms and signs – prioritising<br/>leisure division</li> </ul> | Completed  |
| 142 | When you erect a new sign or renew a sign in your workplace (including temporary signs) which conveys the same information in Welsh and in English, the Welsh language text must be positioned so that it is likely to be read first.   | Ensure that Corporate Property and Property Maintenance include this Standard in their procedures.   | Completed  |

| 143 | You must ensure that the Welsh language text on signs displayed in your workplace is accurate in terms of meaning and expression.   | • | Ensure that Corporate Property and Property Maintenance include this Standard in their procedures.   | Completed   |
|-----|---|---|--|---|
| 144 | When you make announcements in the workplace using audio equipment, that announcement must be made in Welsh, and if the announcement is made in Welsh and in English, the announcement must be made in Welsh first.   | • | Identify which workplaces use public announcements Communicate Standard with those workplaces Include in Public Events and meeting guideline                         | Completed   |
| 167 | You must ensure that a document which records the operational standards with which you are under a duty to comply, and the extent to which you are under a duty to comply with those standards, is available -  (a) on your website, and (b) in each of your offices that are open to the public. | • | Discuss with the Marketing & Media team the need to publish documents relating to the Standards on the Council website Publish Standards document on Council Website | Completed  Completed  (b) A presentation was made to the Customer Services Team regarding the standards which included referring staff to the documents on the website. A link was sent to staff following the meeting to assist with this. |
| 168 | You must -  (a) ensure that you have a complaints procedure that deals with the following matters -  (i) how you intend to deal with complaints relating to your compliance with the operational standards with which you are under a duty to   | • | See Standards 162 and 156 Update the complaint procedures according to Standards   | Completed   |

|     | comply, and  (ii) how you will provide training for your staff in relation to dealing with those complaints, and  (b) publish a document that records that procedure on your intranet.  | Continue discussion on managers' roles within procedure  |   |
|-----|---|--|---|
| 169 | You must -  (a) ensure that you have arrangements for  (i) overseeing the way you comply with the operational standards with which you are under a duty to comply,  (ii) promoting the services that you offer in accordance with those standards, and  (iii) facilitate the use of those services, and  (b) publish document that records that procedure on your intranet.   | <ul> <li>Publish Action Plan as the first         Annual Report. Include preface by         the portfolio member and specific         attachments</li> <li>Promote services internally through         y Gair and E-gair, staff guidelines         and briefing sessions</li> <li>Promote services to public through         Carmarthenshire news internet page</li> <li>Continue to develop and implement         Communication Plan</li> </ul> | A format for the annual action plan was agreed upon as well as including elements of promoting, facilitating and monitoring.  Completed   |
| 170 | <ul> <li>(1) You must produce a report (an "annual report"), in Welsh, in relation to each financial year, which deals with the way in which you have complied with the operational standards with which you were under a duty to comply during that year.</li> <li>(2) The annual report must include the following information (where relevant, to the extent you are under a duty to comply with the standards referred to) -</li> <li>(a) the number of employees who have Welsh language skills at the end of the year in question (on the basis of the records you kept in</li> </ul> | The Annual Report will include elements of promoting, facilitating and overseeing  | A format to report was agreed upon as well as including elements of promoting, facilitating and monitoring which was the annual report.  Training Course Applications include provision for language preference at request stage. |

accordance with standard 151);

- (b) the number of members of staff who attended training courses you offered in Welsh during the year (on the basis of the records you kept in accordance with standard 152);
- (c) if a Welsh version of a course was offered by you during that year, the percentage of the total number of staff attending the course who attended the Welsh version (on the basis of the records you kept in accordance with standard 152); (ch) the number of new and vacant posts that you advertised during the year which were categorised as posts where - Welsh language skills were essential, Welsh language skills needed to be learnt when appointed to the post, Welsh language skills were desirable, or Welsh language skills were not necessary, (on the basis of the records you kept in accordance with standard 154); (d) the number of complaints that you received during that year which related to your compliance with the operational standards with which you were under a duty to comply. 3) You must publish the annual report no later than 30 June following the financial year to which the report relates.
- (3) You must publicise the fact that you have published an annual report.
- (4) You must ensure that a current copy of your annual report is available -
- (a) on your website, and

170 [b] – between 01.04.16 – 31.03.17 the following applied: 4293 employee attendances based on training courses offered in Welsh during the year.

170 [c] – between
 01.04.16 to 31.03.17 the following applied:
 Of 4293 employee attendances offered in Welsh, 325 attended the Welsh version [7.57%].

|     | (b) in each of your offices that are open to the public.  |   |           |
|-----|---|---|-----------|
| 171 | You must publish a document on your website which explains how you intend to comply with the operational standards with which you are under a duty to comply. | Publish Action Plan                               | Completed |
| 172 | You must provide any information requested by the Welsh Language Commissioner which relates to compliance with which you are under a duty to comply.          | Act responsively to the Commissioner's enquiries. |           |

# Class of Standard: Record Keeping

| Standard<br>Number | Standard  | Action Points 16-17  | Status and evidence       |
|--------------------|---|--|---------------------------|
| 147                | You must keep a record, in relation to each financial year, of the number of complaints you receive relating to your compliance with standards.   | Discuss with     Performance     management team (see     168)     Continue with procedure     until update in terms of     informing heads of     service | Continue to keep a record |
| 148                | You must keep a copy of any written complaint that you receive that relates to your compliance with the standards with which you are under a duty to comply.  | Complaints team– ensure that the team keeps record of original written complaint   | Completed                 |
| 149                | You must keep a copy of any written complaint that you receive that relates to the Welsh language (whether or not that complaint relates to the standards with which you are under a duty to comply). | Complaints team– ensure that the team keeps record of original written complaint   | Completed                 |
| 150                | You must keep a record of the steps that you have taken in order to ensure compliance with the policy making standards with which you are under a duty to comply.                                     | If a guideline on the impact of policies on the Welsh language is developed (see S88) we will need to ensure that this Standard is included in it          | Continuing                |

|     |  | Ensure that managers<br>take responsibility for<br>recording impact<br>assessments   |   |
|-----|--|--|---|
| 151 | You must keep a record (following assessments of your employees' Welsh language skills made in accordance with standard 127), of the number of employees who have Welsh language skills at the end of each financial year and, where you have that information, you must keep a record of the skill level of those employees.              | <ul> <li>Discuss with HR</li> <li>Receive initial phase audit results</li> <li>Confirm arrangements for holding paper phase of audit</li> <li>Receive paper phase results</li> <li>Ensure information is transferred to Outlook</li> <li>Ensure that L and D receive data and respond with provision planning</li> </ul> | Competed  Completed  Questionnaire on paper has been circulated to non-office based staff |
| 153 | You must keep a copy of every assessment that you carry out (in accordance with standard 136) in respect of the Welsh language skills that may be needed in relation to a new or vacant post.  | Discuss with HR  | Copies of assessments retained.   |
| 154 | You must keep a record, in relation to each financial year of the number of new and vacant posts which were categorised (in accordance with standard 136) as posts where —  (a) Welsh language skills are essential;  (b) Welsh language skills need to be learnt when appointed to the post;  (c) Welsh language skills are desirable; or | <ul> <li>Discuss with HR</li> <li>Ensure that we monitor in accordance with the Council Skills Strategy and assessment framework</li> </ul>  | Completed   |

| 175 | (ch) Welsh language skills are not necessary.  You must ensure that a document which records the record keeping standards with which you are under a duty to comply, and the extent to which you are under a duty to comply with those standards, is available -  (a) on your website, and (b) in each of your offices that are open to the public. | Publish Standards     document on Council     webpage     Confirm timetable with     the Marketing & Media     team | Completed  (b) A presentation was made to the Customer Services Team regarding the standards which included referring staff to the documents on the website. A link was sent to staff following the meeting to assist with |
|-----|---|---|--|
| 176 | You must provide any records you kept in accordance with the record keeping standards with which you are under a duty to comply to the Welsh Language Commissioner, if the Commissioner asks for those records.   | Act responsively to the Commissioner's enquiries.   |  |

# Standards required to comply with within a year.

| Standard<br>Number | Class of standard   | Standard  | Action Points 16-17  | Status and evidence  |
|--------------------|---------------------|---|--|--|
| 76                 | Service<br>Delivery | Any invitations to tender for a contract that you publish must be published in Welsh, and you must not treat a Welsh language version of any invitation less favourably than an English language version.   | <ul> <li>Request update from procurement<br/>unit and ensure that translation is<br/>underway</li> <li>Research into the possibility of<br/>promoting this service e.g.Sell4Wales</li> </ul> | It was decided not to create this guidance as the Commissioner has published a similar document.  All documentation is available bilingually.  Concerns re: Bravo have been raise with the Commissioner's Office |
| 104                | Operational         | You must ask each employee whether he or she wishes to receive any forms that record and authorise -  annual leave, absences from work, and flexible working hours, in Welsh; and if that is an employee's wish, you must provide any such forms to him or to her in Welsh. | <ul> <li>Continue with regular meetings with<br/>HR</li> <li>Request update on Resource Link<br/>software</li> </ul>   | Standard documentation is available bilingually.  Available on Council's intranet.   |

| 121 | Operational | You must ensure that – the text of each page of your intranet is available in Welsh, every Welsh language page on your intranet is fully functional, and the Welsh language is treated no less favourably than the English language on your intranet.                                    | <ul> <li>Work on intranet is underway</li> <li>Request update on timetable</li> <li>Cooperate with Marketing &amp; Media on Welsh content and ensuring transfer of current resources</li> </ul> | Completed   |
|-----|-------------|--|---|---|
| 128 | Operational | You must provide training in Welsh in the following areas, if you provide such training in English -  (a) recruitment and interviewing; (b) performance management; (c) complaints and disciplinary procedures; (ch) induction; (d) dealing with the public; and (dd) health and safety. | Meet with L&D to discuss provision  | The option to receive training in either language is offered on all applications. The level of take-up is identified above. All existing e-Learning modules are in the process of being translated and all new modules (including induction) are published bilingually. |
| 129 | Operational | You must provide training (in Welsh) on using Welsh effectively in; (a) meetings: (b) interviews; and (c) complaints and disciplinary  | Arrange meeting with L&D to discuss provision and additional opportunities to add provision to L&D strategy   | <ul> <li>As above</li> <li>Corporate         Complaints/Compliments         Training is currently available bilingually through e-learning.     </li> </ul>   |
| 145 | Promotion   | You must produce, and publish on your website, a 5-year  | Discuss the draft with the County Forum and the Advisory Panel  | Completed   |

|     |           | strategy that sets out how you propose to promote the Welsh language and to facilitate the use of the Welsh language more widely in your area; and the strategy must include (amongst other matters) - (a) a target (in terms of the percentage of speakers in your area) for increasing or maintaining the number of Welsh speakers in your area by the end of the 5 year period concerned, and (b) a statement setting out how you intend to reach that target; and you must review the strategy and publish a revised version on your website within 5 years of publishing a strategy (or of publishing a revised | • | Decide on format of Action Plan Confirm timetable for passing Strategy through democratic process Publish document on website Look at possibility of implementing a specific project following publication of document | Completed  Specific projects were started including mapping finding measures and creating a leaflet to promote bilingualism |
|-----|-----------|--|---|--|---|
|     |           | strategy).   |   |  |   |
| 146 | Promotion | Five years after publishing a strategy in accordance with standard 145 you must —  a) assess to what extent you have followed that strategy and have reached the target set by it, and   | • | Report on progress against Action Plan (see 145) Revise reporting procedures of organisations that promote the Welsh language in order to ensure that we receive the correct information for reporting                 | Completed   |

|     |                   | b) publish that assessment on your website, ensuring that it contains the following information i) the number of Welsh speakers in your area, and the age of those speakers; ii) a list of the activities that you have arranged or funded during the previous 5 years in order to promote the use of the Welsh language.   | • | Publish report  |   |
|-----|-------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 152 | Record<br>Keeping | You must keep a record, for each financial year of —  a) the number of members of staff who attended training courses offered by you in Welsh (in accordance with standard 128), and  b) if a Welsh version of a course was offered by you in accordance with standard 128, the percentage of the total number of staff attending the course who attended that version. | • | L&D to monitor course attendees Collate information for Annual Report | Training Course Applications include provision for language preference at request stage.  152 [a] – between 01.04.16 – 31.03.17 the following applied: 4293 employee attendances based on training courses offered in Welsh during the year [in accordance with S128].  152 [b] – between 01.04.16 to 31.03.17 the following applied: |

| 173 | Promotional | You must ensure that a document which records the promotion standards with which you are under a duty to comply, and the extent to which you are under a duty to comply with those standards, is available —  a) on your website, and b) in each of your offices that are open to the public. | <ul> <li>Publish document on website</li> <li>Confirm timetable with<br/>Marketing &amp; Media team</li> </ul> | Of 4293 employee attendances offered in Welsh, 325 attended the Welsh version [7.57%] [in accordance with S128].  Completed (b) A presentation was made to the Customer Services Team regarding the standards which included referring staff to the documents on the website. A link was sent to staff following the meeting to assist with this. |
|-----|-------------|---|--|---|
| 174 | Promotional | You must provide any information requested by the Welsh Language Commissioner which relates to compliance with the Promotion Standard by which you are under a duty to comply.  | Act responsively to the Commissioner's enquiries.  |   |

### Carmarthenshire County Council Welsh Language Standards

# Writing in Welsh and your Computer

We can use technology to help us write in Welsh in our work. There is a Welsh spell-check available. There are dictionaries available on line and there are templates that we can put in place to help us get things right. Here's how...

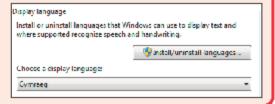
### Windows in Welsh

If you set **Windows** to use Welsh, all your icons and files will be in Welsh on all your Windows programmes.

This might feel awkward to begin with as you are so familiar with the English terms, but you will get used to seeing the Welsh icons quickly, as they are in exactly the same position as the English.

This will, without a doubt, improve your Welsh by helping you get used to every day work terms in Welsh. This is how to set Windows in Welsh:

- · Click on Start
- · Click on Control Panel
- · Click on Region and Language
- Click on Keyboards and Languages
- · Select Cymraeg from the drop down box



### Office in Welsh

In the same way, you can have your icons in Welsh in the Office programmes, Outlook, Excel, Word and Powerpoint.

Again, the icons will appear in the same place as in the English version and you will soon get used to terms such as 'cadw' instead of 'Save'.

This is how to set Office in Welsh:

- Open Microsoft Word
- Click File, Options, Language
- Click Choose Display and Help Languages,
- · Click on Welsh [Cymraeg] in each table
- · Click Set as Default



Close all Microsoft Office programs for the change to take effect

Standards 7, 120, 125, 134-5

## Grammar and spell-check

#### Microsoft Office

You can have Office programmes to proof read your work as you write in Welsh. You can switch back and forward between the Welsh and English proofreading tool whenever it suits you as you work on Welsh and English documents. You can even highlight part of your text to check the spelling in Welsh before switching back to English to correct an English text within the same document.

#### This is how:

- Open Microsoft Word
- Click Review, Language, Set proofing language
- Click Welsh
- Click Set as Default
- Click OK

The spell-check will put red lines under the missspelt words.

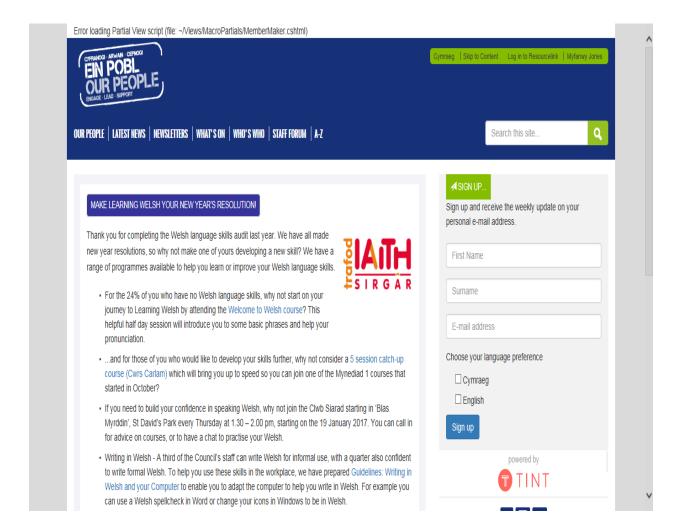


# Appendix 2 – Welsh Language Standards Communication Plan 2016-17

### **Corresponding directly with Staff**

| Timetable      | Themes / Main messages  | Main medium  |
|----------------|---|--|
| May 2016       | Responsibilities when arranging meetings by invitation  | Regeneration and policy newsletter   |
|                | Responsibilities involving recruitment and the Welsh language   | Y Gair / e-Gair  |
| June 2016      | Displaying signs: promoting Guideline 7 - Designing and publishing  | Y Gair / e-Gair  |
| July 2016      | Responsibilities when corresponding : promoting Guideline 3   | Y Gair / e-Gair  |
|                | Information Stand: promoting the guidelines and opportunities to learn Welsh                                    | Staff Road shows   |
| September 2016 | Opportunities to learn Welsh  | Y Gair / e-Gair  |
|                | Training session on the Standards   | Training session with translation unit   |
|                | Printing and publishing bilingually   | Posters for printer rooms  |
| October 2016   | Information Stand: promoting the guidelines and opportunities to learn Welsh                                    | Managers Conference  |
|                | Promoting <i>Shwmae Sumae</i> day and Welsh language learning opportunities                                     | Dot-mailer message to all staff from Cllr. Mair Stephens   |
| November 2016  | Responsibilities when displaying marketing materials  | Y Gair / e-Gair  |
| January 2017   | Catch-up courses, mentor and Welcome to Welsh courses   | Y Gair / Marketing Department weekly bulletin and <i>Intranet News</i> Dot-mailer message to all staff from Cllr. Mair Stephens (*see below) |
| February 2017  | Promote guideline 6 – Writing in Welsh and your computer  | Y Gair / Marketing Department<br>weekly bulletin and <i>Intranet</i><br><i>News</i>  |
|                | Promoting the guidelines and the responsibility of giving the public access to the annual report in our centres | Presentation to Customer services staff  |
|                | Promoting the new Clwb Clecs for learners   | Intranet   |
| March 2017     | Promoting Leisure department's Welsh language mentors   | Y Gair / Marketing Department weekly bulletin and Intranet News  |
| April 2017     | Check the bilingualism of public buildings  | Y Gair / Marketing Department weekly bulletin and <i>Intranet</i>  |

|  | News   |
|--|--|
| Responsibility when printing bilingually | Distribute posters to be displayed in printer rooms (see |
|  | below)   |



**Promoting Welsh courses on the intranet** 



Promoting 'Clwb Clecs' a conversational club for learners on the intranet

### Promoting the Welsh language: Corresponding with the public

| Timetable     | Themes / main messages                                   | Main medium   |
|---------------|--|---|
| February 2016 | Contact the council in Welsh'                            | Carms News and <i>Lloffwr</i> (*see below)                        |
| April 2016    | Contact the council in Welsh'                            | Bus stops 'Pa bynnag ffordd'<br>(*see below)                      |
| June 2016     |  | County's Markets  |
| June 2016     | 'Contact the council in Welsh'                           | Tenant 2 Tenant Summer  |
| October 2016  | Link to Amdani website and questionnaire on use of Welsh | Shwmae Sumae email from Leisure dept to sports clubs (*see below) |
| January 2017  | Promote Promotion Strategy (see below)                   | Banner on website   |
| February 2017 | Help is available to work bilingually                    | Events organisers conference                                      |
| March 2017    | Promote Bilingual education                              | Booklet 'Being bilingual in Carmarthenshire' (*appendix 5)        |
| March 2017    | 'You are welcome to speak Welsh' with the council        | Design and print desk display triangles                           |

Pa bynnag ffordd...





















...mae 'na groeso i chi **gysylltu** â Chyngor Sir Gâr yn **Gymraeg** 



**Learning the language?** 





















...you are welcome to contact us in Welsh



# Promoting the council's Welsh medium services to Welsh speakers and learners



Promoting council's Welsh medium services on Bus stops

### Shwmae Su'mae Day! October 15.



October 15th is a day to celebrate the Welsh language. Why not start your training session this weekend in Welsh? Everyone in Carmarthenshire can understand 'Shwmae' and many other Welsh words, even if they're not fluent Welsh speakers. If you would like help with Welsh Sports terminology, or Welsh resources, go to

http://www.comisiynyddygymraeg.cymru/hybu/en/guidelines/Pages/amdanil.aspx

And as we are celebrating using Welsh, why not fill in this questionnaire below and send it back to HGJones@sirgar.gov.uk. If you send it back, you will receive flash cards for your club to help you use Welsh while coaching.

| 1. | Name of Club:   |
|----|---|
| 2. | Which sport?  |
| 3. | Are you a Welsh medium Club Mainly English Bilingual                      |
| 4. | How many of your coaches can speak Welsh?                                 |
| 5. | Do you have specific Welsh training sessions?                             |
| 6. | How many of your members can speak Welsh?                                 |
| 7. | Would you like to have more help to make your club become more bilingual? |
|    |   |









Promoting the Welsh Language promotion strategy on the Council website

# **Appendix 3 - Chairing meetings**

Safonau laith Cyngor Sir Gâr Carmarthenshire County Council Welsh Language Standards

# Cadeirio Cyfarfodydd Chairing meetings

| Croeso i'r cyfarfod       | Welcome to the meeting          |  |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Croeso yma heddiw         | Welcome here today              |  |
| Diolch am ddod yma heddiw | Thank you for coming here today |  |

| Mae'r cyfarfod yn ddwyieithog               | This is a bilingual meeting            |
|---|--|
| Croeso i chi ddefnyddio Cymraeg neu Saesneg | You're welcome to use Welsh or English |
| Mae cyfieithu ar y pryd ar gael             | Simultaneous translation is available  |
| Croeso i, y cyfieithydd                     | Welcome to, the translator             |
| Ydy'r clustffonau'n gweithio?               | Do the headphones work?                |

| Dechreuwn   | We'll start  |
|---|--|
| Oes unrhyw ymddiheuriadau?                        | Are there any apologies?                                   |
| Trown at yr agenda                                | We'll turn to the agenda                                   |
| Yr eitem gyntaf ar yr agenda ydy                  | The first item on the agenda is                            |
| Awn drwy gofnodion y cyfarfod blaenorol           | We'll go through the agenda of the previous meeting        |
| Hoffai unrhyw un gynnig fod y cofnodion yn gywir? | Would anyone like to propose that the minutes are correct? |
| Mae angen ethol swyddogion                        | We need to elect officers                                  |
| Oes unrhyw un am gynnig ei hun?                   | Would anyone like to offer themselves?                     |
| Oes unrhyw un yn eilio?                           | Does anyone second that?                                   |
| Pasiwyd y cynnig                                  | The motion has been passed                                 |
| Yr eitem nesaf ydy                                | The next item  |
| Ac yn olaf  | And lastly   |
| Oes unrhyw faterion yn codi?                      | Any matters arising?                                       |
| Oes gennych chi unrhyw sylwadau?                  | Do you have any comments?                                  |
| Oes gennych chi unrhyw gwestiynau?                | Do you have any questions?                                 |
| Oes unrhyw fater arall?                           | Any other business?  |
|   |  |

Safon 125, 8, 9, 10, 18, 20





e Mae Prilysgol Cymru Y Drindod Dewi Sant yn datgan ei hawl moesol dan Ddeddf Hawfraini Dagael Cymru y Cymru y Cymru y pocyn hwn at ddeffyndd ddif mewi sefyddiad y pyynwr yn unib,



### **Appendix 4 - Printer posters**











Cofiwch y camau hyn wrth argraffu deunyddiau yn ddwyieithog



Remember the following steps when printing materials bilingually



### Sicrhewch fod:

- Y Gymraeg yn y safle y mae fwyaf tebygol o gael ei ddarllen yn gyntaf – e.e. ar y top neu ar yr ochr chwith
- Y ddwy iaith yn gywir o ran ystyr a mynegiant
- Angen i bob dogfen a llythyr sy'n cael ei ddosbarthu i'r cyhoedd fod yn ddwyieithog
- Fersiynau dwyieithog sy'n gweithio orau cefn wrth gefn
- Os ydych chi'n cyhoeddi llythyr, nodwch ar bob llythyr Saesneg a Chymraeg 'Mae croeso i chi gysylltu gyda'r Cyngor trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. You're welcome to contact the council through the medium of Welsh or English'
- Eich manylion cyswllt yn ddwyieithog ar lythyrau.

### Please ensure that:

- The Welsh language is in a position where it is most likely to be read first – i.e. on the top or to the left hand side
- Both languages are correct in terms of meaning and expression
- Every document and letter that is sent out to the public is bilingual
- ✓ Bilingual versions work best - back to back
- If you're printing a letter, state on every English and Welsh letter, 'Mae croeso i chi gysylltu gyda'r Cyngor trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. You're welcome to contact the council through the medium of Welsh or English'
- Include your contact details bilingually on letters.

Gallwch gael gwybodaeth pellach am y <mark>Safonau laith</mark> ar y fewnrwyd.

Cysylltwch â iaithgymraeg@sirgar.gov.uk am fanylion pellach.



Further guidelines on the Welsh Language Standards can be found on the intranet.
Contact



welshlanguage@carmarthenshire.gov.uk for further details.

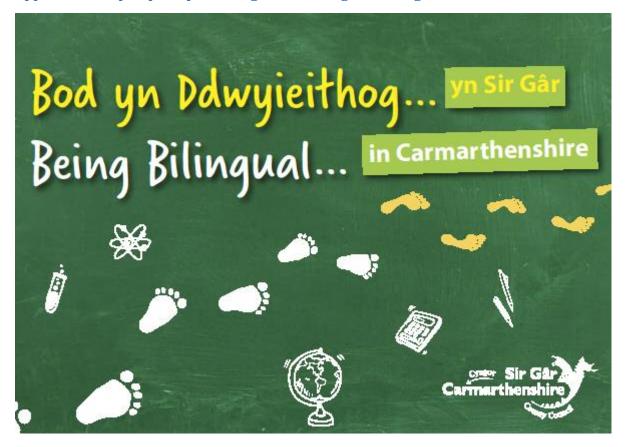




ECH CNGOT Arioinamdani www.sirgar.llyw.cymru/trafodiaith YOUR COUNCE doltonline www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/trafodiaith



Appendix 5 - A pamphlet promoting the advantages of bilingualism



### Appendix 6: Complaints received during 2016/17

Listed below are the Complaints received during 2016/17 and a summary of the response and action taken.

All Complaints were dealt with in accordance to the council's Complaints procedure.

|    | Complaint   | Response and action  |  |  |
|----|---|--|--|--|
| 1. | Complaint regarding swimming instructor post that was advertised with a level 2 Welsh language requirement noting that basic Welsh language skills are sufficient.  | The swimming instructor post was<br>reassessed and the Welsh language<br>requirement was changed to level 3.   |  |  |
| 2. | Complaint regarding School Governors training programme with a lack of Welsh medium provision. The Council was also informed that the web security course was being advertised in English only.   | <ul> <li>It was decided not to hold the web security training course until the external company could find a trainer who could speak Welsh.</li> <li>An assessment of the Governor's language choice was made asking what language they would wish to receive their training in order to plan the training programme for the next academic year.</li> </ul>  |  |  |
| 3. | A complaint regarding a mistake on a mat close to the entrance of Carmarthen Market.  | A new mat was ordered and placed by the entrance.  |  |  |
| 4. | A complaint regarding new road signs which had only the English name (Johnstown)  | New bilingual signage were placed (Tre Ioan / Johnstown)   |  |  |
| 5. | A complaint regarding signage at Cwm Environmental recycling site at Nantycaws and that the Welsh is incorrect. The Welsh language Commissioner received a complaint about the signs and started to investigate on 10 May 2016 in accordance with section 71 Welsh Language Measure (Wales) 2011 that the council had failed to comply with Standard 61 and Standard 63. The final Investigation report was received on 21 November 2016. | <ul> <li>The Commissioner ruled that the Council had not failed to comply with Standard 61 as the sign had been in place before 30 March 2016.</li> <li>The Commissioner ruled that the Council had failed to comply with Standard 63 as the sign was not accurate in terms of meaning and expression.</li> <li>The sign was removed from the recycling site in May 2016 and through an audit, we have ensured that all signs at the 5 Recycling Centres are accurate in terms of meaning and expression.</li> </ul> |  |  |
| 6. | A complaint regarding a poll card with the town and county of the complainant's postal address in English only.  The Welsh Language Commissioner received the complaint from a member of the public and decided to conduct an   | Following the start of the investigation, it became apparent that Carmarthenshire County Council was not responsible for creating the poll card. The Returning Officer was responsible for the poll card and not Carmarthenshire County Council.   |  |  |

|    | investigation under section 71 of the Welsh Language Measure.   |  |
|----|---|--|
| 7. | An investigation was held by the Welsh Language Commissioner into Carmarthenshire County Council's swimming lessons following receiving information from a member of the public to a suspected failure to comply with the Welsh Language Standards. The Council provided information in accordance with the Standards' requirements and following the Commissioner's procedure. | <ul> <li>The Commissioner ruled that         Carmarthenshire County Council had not         failed to comply with Standard 81 on the         basis that the Council promotes Welsh         medium swimming lessons and advertises         them in Welsh.</li> <li>The Commissioner ruled that         Carmarthenshire County Council had failed         to comply with Standard 84 on the basis         that the Council doesn't offer Welsh         medium swimming lessons for certain levels,         although the swimming lessons are offered         at those levels in English. It is a requirement         that an Action Plan is prepared within 40         working days to the date of the final         investigation report to show the steps that         are being taken to comply with Standard 84         in relation to swimming lessons.</li> <li>The Commissioner ruled that the Council         had not failed to comply with Standard 86         on the basis that the Council had not         developed any course in relation to         swimming lessons in the period since the         imposition date.</li> </ul> |
| 8. | Inaccurate sign on a memorial stone placed in the gardens of Town Hall, Llanelli  | Although the Council was not responsible for placing the sign, the sign was on Council's land. The Council worked with Llanelli Memorial Group to ensure the new sign was accurate before placing it on the memorial stone.  |

# **Appendix 7 - Training opportunities provided in 2016-17**

| Welsh language Awareness – e-learning           | 133 |
|---|-----|
| package   |     |
| 'Croeso i'r Gymraeg' – Level 1                  | 193 |
| Half day workshop for staff to reach level 1    |     |
| Specialist course for Carers working with older | 4   |
| people  |     |
| Mentoring skills course                         | 11  |
| Mynediad (Fast track)                           | 6   |
| Mynediad 1                                      | 16  |
| Mynediad 2                                      | 14  |
| Mynediad Intensive                              | 5   |
| Sylfaen 1                                       | 13  |
| Sylfaen 2                                       | 12  |
| Sylfaen Intensive                               | 1   |
| Canolradd 1                                     | 2   |
| Canolradd 2                                     | 3   |
| Siawns am Sgwrs 3                               | 1   |
| Uwch 1  | 1   |
| Uwch Intensive                                  | 1   |
| Welsh for the family                            | 1   |
| Welsh Catch Up Beginners                        | 10  |
| Improving your Welsh: Spoken A                  | 7   |
| Improving your Welsh: Spoken B                  | 9   |
| Improving your Welsh: Written & Spoken          | 4   |
| Improving your Welsh: Writing Welsh             | 10  |
| Training for Language Leaders Environment       | 10  |
| department                                      |     |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF LEARNERS                        | 167 |
| TOTAL NOWIDER OF LEARNERS                       | 467 |
|   |     |
|   |     |
|   |     |

### **Appendix 8 - Language Skills Audit**

| No Verbal skills | 840  | No Written skills | 1624 |
|------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| Level 1 Verbal   | 1474 | Level 1 Written   | 1304 |
| Level 2 Verbal   | 929  | Level 2 Written   | 803  |
| Level 3 Verbal   | 682  | Level 3 Written   | 653  |
| Level 4 Verbal   | 579  | Level 4 Written   | 449  |
| Level 5 Verbal   | 1009 | Level 5 Written   | 671  |

- The staff survey has been undertaken in two parts. A Metacompliance survey was launched for all office based staff supplemented by Snap Survey Software and a manual paper based version for operational service areas.
- The survey provided a brief overview of the requirements to record language skills in support
  of the Councils Language Skills Strategy, Workforce planning requirements and to ensure
  compliance with the Welsh Language Standards. Employees were invited to self-assess their
  spoken and written language skills for Welsh and English against the new framework and to
  identify any developmental requirements/support.
- To date 87% of those employees in scope have responded and data is now available to be
  uploaded to the Payroll/Human Resources System. A progress report has been sought from
  departmental co-ordinators and efforts are continuing to achieve a full response from all
  service areas. Once data is uploaded reports profiling the workforce language skills can be
  produced to assist with any skills gap analysis.