

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

13th MARCH 2019

CARMARTHENSHIRE'S WELSH IN EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN (WESP): UPDATE AND PROPOSALS FOR IMPLEMENTATION (March 2019)

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- To receive, and comment upon, the contents of this report
- To consider providing further steer re. proposals in the paper
- To consider approving the direction of travel proposed

Reasons:

The Wales School Standards and Organisation Act (2013) places a statutory duty on local authorities to prepare and submit a Welsh in Education Strategic Plan. Once approved, the Local Authority is expected to implement the plan, which is monitored by Welsh Government.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: tbc

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder: Cllr. Glynog Davies (Education & Children)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

The WESP strategy journeyed successfully through the corporate progress in 2017 and received Welsh Government approval in March 2018. The launch event was held on June 25th, 2018. The Autumn Term of 2018 was occupied by further planning, discussions with stakeholders - as a precursor for implementation. Proposals for implementing are now largely ready for corporate perusal.

The reports sets out:

- A brief chronology of recent actions
- Sets out some legislative and procedural considerations
- Detail of **Phase 1** (January 2019 onwards)
 - Move to implement all WESP key areas as described by the development plan
 - Implement appropriate quick wins in all schools and settings (no need to consult formally)
 - Instigate formal consultation to change the nature of provision in a number of schools, including those developed via the MEP programme
- Other possible developments which are at concept stage currently and require further scoping
- Detail of **Phase 2** (2020 and implement by September 2021)
- Outline of **Phase 3** (2021 and implement by September 2022 onwards)
- Proposals to develop Canolfannau Iaith / Language Centres
- Next stages and other actions

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED	YES
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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: J. Aeron Rees Head of Curriculum and Wellbeing

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	YES	YES	NONE	YES	YES	YES

POLICY, CRIME & DISORDER AND EQUALITIES

Developments are consistent with the Local Authority's and Welsh Government's strategies and plans. It complies with Welsh Government statutory requirements. Delivering the WESP is reflected in Corporate Strategy 2018-2023 (Wellbeing Objective 14, C1&2).

LEGAL

Appropriate consultation was undertaken to develop the WESP and views from statutory consultees considered.

FINANCE

As noted in the Census Working Group's recommendations, sufficient support and resources are required in order to develop and lead on the strategy to promote and extend Welsh medium education in Carmarthenshire.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Not delivering an aspirational Welsh in Education Strategic Plan could result in the County Council failing to meet WG requirements in respect of the development of Welsh medium education, whilst also risking the realisation of corporate priority areas.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

There are major training implications across the system to build further the capacity of teachers and support staff in delivering the WESP in our schools and settings.
There are also implications for the Athrawon Gwella'r Gymraeg a Dwyieithrwydd teams in how their work is remodelled.

PHYSICAL ASSETS

Capital investment in establishing Language Centres is being met by Welsh Government grant assistance.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signature: **J. Aeron Rees** Head of Curriculum and Wellbeing

- 1. Local Member(s) – N/A**
- 2. Community / Town Council – N/A**
- 3. Relevant Partners – N/A**
- 4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – Schools and other stakeholders**

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
WESP Development Plan (working version – February 2019)	\\ntcarmcc\cfp\Education & Skills\Learner Programmes\CSGMa\Cymraeg Cynllun Gweithredu Chwefror 2019.docx

