

# EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR HUMAN RESOURCES, EFFICIENCIES AND COLLABORATION

**WEDNESDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2016**

**PRESENT: Councillor L.M. Stephens** [Executive Board Member]

**The following officers were in attendance:-**

Mrs L. Evans - Policy & Partnership Officer  
Mrs M. Evans Thomas - Democratic Services Officer

**Democratic Services Committee Room, County Hall, Carmarthen : 2.00 p.m. – 2.40 p.m.**

## **1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of personal interest.

## **2. DECISION RECORD - 28TH JULY, 2015**

**RESOLVED** that the Decision Record of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 be signed as a correct record.

## **3. WELSH LANGUAGE ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16**

The Executive Board Member considered the Welsh Language Annual Report 2015-16, which detailed the work undertaken by the Council in relation to the Welsh language during that period and had been produced in order to comply with the Welsh Language Commissioner's monitoring arrangements.

The Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 placed a duty on County Council and County Borough Councils in Wales, National Park Authorities and Welsh Ministers to comply with Standards in relation to the Welsh language.

The Standards mean that the Welsh language must not be treated less favourably than the English language and must also promote or facilitate the use of the Welsh language. This is in accordance with the two principles that form the basis of the Welsh Language Commissioner's work:-

- In Wales, the Welsh language should be treated no less favourably than the English language;
- persons in Wales should be able to live their lives through the medium of the Welsh language if they choose to do so.

The Standards framework replaced Welsh language schemes from 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016 and the Standards will:-

- provide greater clarity to organisations on their duties in relation to the Welsh language;
- provide greater clarity to Welsh speakers about the services they can expect to receive in Welsh;
- ensure more consistency of Welsh language services and improve their

quality.

The Welsh Language Commissioner gave Carmarthenshire County Council a compliance notice regarding the Welsh Language Standards Regulations on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 which requires the Council to comply with most of the Standards by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016.

**RESOLVED** that, subject to the inclusion of the amendments noted, the Welsh Language Annual Report 2015-16 be approved for submission to the Welsh Language Commissioner.

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**CHAIR**

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**DATE**