

19 October 2022

Cabinet Member	Portfolio:
Cllr. Glynog Davies	Education and the Welsh language

Welsh Language Annual Report 2021-22

The Purpose:

To receive the Welsh Language Annual Report in terms of the compliance with the Language Standards during 2021-22.

Key Recommendations / Decisions Needed:

Agree the content of the Annual Report for publication and promotion on the Council's website.

The Reasons:

The Authority has a statutory duty to implement the Welsh language Standards. As part of those Standards, we are required to publish an Annual Report to outline how the work has been carried out.

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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):

None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):

N/A

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

DATE: _____

_____ CABINET MEMBER

The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was not adopted:	

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS:
EDUCATION AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE
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ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WELSH LANGUAGE 2021-22

This Annual Report has been produced to comply with the Welsh Language Commissioner's monitoring arrangements. The Welsh Language Commissioner gave Carmarthenshire County Council a compliance notice regarding the Welsh Language Standards Regulations on 30 September 2015 which required CCC to comply with most of the standards by 31 March 2016. The Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 is the legislation that created the Welsh language standards.

Welsh language standards promote and facilitate the Welsh language and ensure that the Welsh language is not treated less favourably than the English language in Wales.

The Welsh language Standards:

- Provide clarity to organisations on their duties on the Welsh language in terms of Service delivery, Policy making, and internal operations, as well as their duties to promote the Welsh language,
- Provide clarity to Welsh speakers on the services they can expect to receive in Welsh
- Ensure more consistency of Welsh language services and improve their quality.
- The Welsh Language Commissioner's Assurance Report 2021-22 notes that our performance was excellent in the provision of services through the medium of Welsh, with the only exceptions being the need for clearer reference to the Standards on our web page that explains the council's complaints policy. It was also noted that the phrase at the end of correspondence needed to guarantee no delay, and some of our forms did not indicate that the form was also available in Welsh.
- Areas of services sampled included correspondence, telephone calls, reception areas, forms, press releases, social media, website, jobs advertised and signage. Of the sample undertaken, the areas noted above were fully compliant.

Preparing and publishing an Annual Report on the implementation of the Standards is a statutory requirement.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

**YES
Annual Report 2021-22**

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: Noelwyn Daniel, Head of ICT & Corporate Policy and Interim Director of Environment

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The Compliance Notice received from the Welsh Language Commissioner on 30 September 2015 required the Authority to comply with a new set of Standards by 31 March 2016.

2. Legal

The Welsh Language Standards Regulations 2015 came into force on 31 March 2015. These Regulations replace the responsibilities placed on Carmarthenshire County Council under the Welsh Language Act 1993 and were imposed on the Authority on 31 March 2016.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Noelwyn Daniel, Head of ICT and Corporate Policy and Interim Director of Environment

1. Scrutiny Committee

N/A

2. Local Member(s)

N/A.

3. Community / Town Council

N/A

4. Relevant Partners

N/A

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

N/A

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
Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011		<p>Welsh version http://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/1/pdfs/mwa_20110001_we.pdf</p> <p>English version http://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/1/pdfs/mwa_20110001_en.pdf</p>
Carmarthenshire County Council's Welsh Language Standards – Compliance Notice		<p>Welsh version hysbysiad-cydymffurfio44-cyngor-sir-gar.pdf (gov.wales)</p> <p>English version compliance-notice44-carmarthenshire-county-council.pdf (gov.wales)</p>
<p>Stepping Forward The Welsh Language Commissioner's assurance report 2020-21</p> <p>(The 2021-22 report is not available on the Commissioner's website yet)</p>		<p>Welsh Version Camu Ymlaen Adroddiad Sicrwydd 2020-21 (comisiynyddygydraeg.cymru)</p> <p>English version Stepping Forward Adroddiad Sicrwydd 2020-21 (welshlanguagecommissioner.wales)</p>