

23 November 2023

Cabinet Member: Cllr. Glynog Davies	Portfolio: Education & Welsh Language
Annual Report on the Welsh Language 2022-23	
Recommendations / key decisions required: 1. To receive the annual report in relation to the Welsh language and compliance with the Welsh Language Standards during 2022-23.	
Reasons: It is a statutory responsibility for the Authority to implement the Welsh language Standards. As part of the Standards, we must publish an Annual Report which outlines the implementation work.	
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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):

None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):

N/A

(If the answer is yes exact details are to be provided below:)

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

DATE: _____

CABINET MEMBER

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

	YES / NO
Recommendation of Officer adopted	
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
23 November 2023

Annual Report on the Welsh language
2022-23

This Annual Report has been produced in order 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 aim to:

- 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.

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: Jason Jones, Head of Regeneration, Policy & Digital

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: Jason Jones, Head of Regeneration, Policy & Digital

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		Welsh version http://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/1/pdfs/mwa_20110001_we.pdf English version http://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/1/pdfs/mwa_20110001_en.pdf
Carmarthenshire County Council's Welsh Language Standards – Compliance Notice		Welsh version hysbysiad-cydymffurfio44-cyngor-sir-gâr.pdf (gov.wales) English version compliance-notice44-carmarthenshire-county-council.pdf (gov.wales)