



## Report of Cabinet Member for Business Transformation & Performance

Cabinet - 21 June 2018

### Welsh Language Annual Report 2017-2018

<b>Purpose:</b>	The report provides an overview of the work of the authority in relation to the Welsh language during the specified reporting period.
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Welsh Language Standards
<b>Consultation:</b>	Cabinet Members, Executive Board, Legal Services and Access to Services
<b>Recommendation:</b>	This report is for information only
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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The authority has been subject to Welsh Language Standards under the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure (2011) for two years since 30.03.2016
- 1.2 The Compliance notice issued to the authority by the Office of the Welsh Language Commissioner includes 169 standards with which we are obliged to comply. The 86 Service Delivery standards are the greatest in number.

1.3 The standards specify how the authority will work in relation to the Welsh language in a number of specific activities in different areas of operation, namely:

- Service delivery
- Policy Making
- Operational (i.e. internal)
- Promotion
- Record Keeping

1.4 Production of an Annual Report is mandated by standard No.170, which also specifies certain information to be included. This is the second Annual Report and covers the period of 01.04.017 until 31.03.2018.

## **2. Report Content**

2.1 As well as an overview of the activity during the report period, the report contains sections on:

2.1.1 **Operation of Standards.** Information on the internal promotion of the Welsh Language Standards to support a successful and consistent implementation across the authority, along with tools and information to assist in this.

### **2.1.2 Welsh Medium Education.**

Whilst the authority's performance in this is reported separately in respect of our WESP (Welsh in Education Strategic Plan) it is included here as the future development of the Welsh language in the area and beyond is fundamentally linked with Welsh Medium Education

## **3. Financial Implications**

3.1 There are no financial implications

## **4. Legal Implications**

4.1 There are no legal implications.

## **5. Access to Services Implications**

5.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

**Background Papers:** None.

## **Appendices:**

a) Draft Welsh Language Annual Report 2017-2018