



Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee - 14 October 2021

## Swansea Bay City Deal Welsh Language Guidance

<b>Purpose:</b>	To inform Joint Committee of the SBCD Portfolio Welsh Language Guidance
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Swansea Bay City Deal (SBCD) Joint Committee Agreement (JCA)
<b>Consultation:</b>	Programme (Portfolio) Board Joint Committee Carmarthenshire Policy Manager
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that Joint Committee:  1) Approve the guidance set out by SBCD PoMO and attached at Appendix A.
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### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The SBCD Portfolio Welsh language guidance summarises the SBCD Portfolio's approach to incorporating the Welsh Language Standards and outlines how communication and work prepared for public consumption with external audiences in Wales includes the appropriate use of the Welsh language and mainly relates to the Service Delivery Standards of the Welsh Language Standards.

### 2. Background

- 2.1 All local authorities in Wales have a statutory duty to comply with the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and with the Welsh Language Standards imposed by the Measure through the Welsh Language Standards (No 1) Regulations. This duty extends to Joint Committees of local authorities in relation to service delivery, policy delivery, operational delivery and record keeping.

2.2 The intention is to ensure that SBCD Portfolio treat the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

### **3. Financial Implications**

3.1 There are no direct financial implications within this report. All financial reports will conform to the Welsh language guidance as appropriate.

### **4. Legal Implications**

4.1 The Joint Committee Agreement provides at clause 31.1 that the Joint Committee and Joint Scrutiny Committee shall undertake their functions in such a way as to comply with each of the Councils compliance notices issued under the Welsh Language Standards (No 1) Regs 2015.

### **5. Alignment to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

5.1 The SBCD Portfolio and its constituent projects are closely aligned to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the seven well-being goals for Wales. These alignments are outlined in a Portfolio Business Case for the SBCD, as well as in individual project business cases.

**Background Papers:** None

**Appendices:**

Appendix A: SBCD Portfolio Welsh language guidelines