

SUBJECT:	Welsh Language Monitoring Report 2015/16
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	6th July 2016
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:	All

1. PURPOSE:

To ask Cabinet to note the contents of the attached Welsh Language Monitoring Report 2015 – 2016 that has been produced in line with the requirements of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011. The Monitoring report details our compliance with areas that the Welsh Language Commissioner has specified.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 To approve the report as a record of the Council's activities over the last year in respect of its compliance with the Welsh Language Scheme. The report will then be forwarded to the Welsh Language Commissioner's Office by the 30th June 2016 for their scrutiny, response and formal approval.

3. KEY ISSUES:

- 3.1 The Council's Welsh Language Scheme sets out our commitments for the Welsh Language for a three year period 2013 -16 and the Annual Monitoring Report gives a detailed account of our compliance with the detailed time aligned action plan.

The Welsh Language Act 1993 has been formally superseded by the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards have now replaced the schemes as of the 30th March 2016.

4. REASONS:

Monmouthshire County Council has a statutory responsibility to produce an Annual Monitoring Report under the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 There are no additional financial or human resource implications arising out of this monitoring report.

5.2 The Scheme will be published, on approval, on the Council's intranet and corporate website.

6. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:

There are no significant equality impacts identified in the assessment (Appendix 1).

The actual impacts from this report's recommendations will be reviewed annually.

7. CONSULTEES:

All Cabinet members, Deputy Leader and Equality Champion, Senior Management Team,

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Monmouthshire County Council's Welsh Language Scheme 2013/16

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