

SUBJECT: Monmouthshire County Council 5 Yr Welsh Language Strategy 2017- 22
MEETING: Strong Communities Select Committee
DATE: 8th December 2016
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: All

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To present the Welsh Language Strategy for 2017 – 2022, which has been produced in line with the requirements of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and specifically Standards 145 and 146. This strategy is closely linked to our Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) 2016 which has been scrutinised by the Children and Young People’s Select Committee. In order to ensure a consistency in approach and to ease performance monitoring, some of the performance measures have been shared. The strategy will be subject to formal consultation between the 21st November and the 16th December 2016.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Strong Communities Select scrutinise the 5 Year Strategy.
2.2 That the Committee annually monitor progress in order that we achieve our targets. The report will be forwarded to Cabinet on the 20th January 2017 for formal adoption.

3. KEY ISSUES:

- 3.1 The 5 Year Welsh Language Strategy sets out a vision of how the Welsh Language will look in Monmouthshire in 5 years’ time and targets have been set to achieve that vision accordingly. As previously stated the timing of the statutory requirement to produce a Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) has been fortuitous as is the Welsh Assembly Government’s ambitious Strategy to have a million Welsh Speakers in Wales by 2050. These two has given added impetus to the vision and its targets. This strategy is challenging but achievable with the appropriate level of planning and support from our partners in the Council’s Welsh Language Forum.

4. REASONS:

Monmouthshire County Council has a statutory responsibility to produce a 5 Year Welsh Language Strategy 2017 - 2022 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 by Cabinet on 20th January 2017 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:

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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Monmouthshire County Council's Welsh Language Standards

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