



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet    DATE DECISION MADE: 20 July, 2021**

**Cabinet Members Present:**

Councillor A Morgan (Chair), Councillor M Webber (Deputy Chair),  
Councillor R Bevan, Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor M Norris,  
Councillor R Lewis, Councillor C Leyshon and Councillor G Hopkins

**Apologies for Absence:**

Councillor J Rosser

***Agenda Item : 6***

**SUBJECT: DRAFT WELSH IN EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN**

**1. DECISION MADE:**

**Agreed –**

1. To note the contents of this report and the draft WESP attached in appendix 1 to the report.
2. To consider the draft WESP.
3. For officers to engage and consult with a wide range of stakeholders on the draft WESP.
4. To review the results of the consultation on the draft WESP at a future meeting of the Cabinet.

**2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:**

The need to provide Members with an opportunity to consider the draft Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) and agree to engage and consult with a wide range of stakeholders.

**3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES/FUTURE GENERATIONS - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:**

As outlined in section 10 of the report, the draft WESP links to a number of corporate and national priorities, including all seven well-being goals within the Future Generation (Wales) Act 2015.

**4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:**

The draft WESP will be subject to a comprehensive public consultation with a wide range of stakeholders for no less than an eight week period. In addition, it will be scrutinised by the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee and the Welsh Language Cabinet Steering Group.

**5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:**

The Welsh Language Steering Group - [19<sup>th</sup> July](#)

**6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:**

County Borough Councillor R Lewis declared the following personal interest: I am a school governor at a school mentioned in the report

**7. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):**

N/A

**8. (a) IS THE DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND**

**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:**

**Yes**

**Note:** This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

**The closing date for Call-In is 5pm on the 23 July 2021**

**8.(b) IF NO, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:**

- I. COUNCIL / SCRUTINY FUNCTION (CALL IN IS THEREFORE NON APPLICABLE):-**  
Reason: N/A
  
- II. URGENT DECISION:-**  
Reason N/A

**8.(c) IF DEEMED URGENT - SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER OR DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE CONFIRMING AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DECISION IS REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 17.2:**

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**(PRESIDING OFFICER)**

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**(Dated)**

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**PUBLICATION**

Publication on the Councils Website:- **Tuesday, 20 July 2021**

**APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION: ✓**

## **Comments of the Welsh Language Steering Group following consideration of the Draft WESP on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**

- It was noted that the WESP has been the culmination of detailed, hard work by Officers, complimented with successful partnership engagement with external partners.
- Pleasing to see the longer-term view and the regular reviews that will take place over the 10 year period.
- In respect of outcome 5, the importance to encourage learners to use the Welsh language outside of school settings and in the local community was highlighted.
- Important challenge ahead in terms of getting learners to have the confidence to speak Welsh in local businesses. Members queried how officers were planning on meeting this challenge going forward - Members were advised that the 5-year strategy ran alongside the WESP and it was emphasised that the Welsh Government were eager for the outcomes to run alongside each other. It was emphasised that the Council are currently in the process of developing a new 5-year plan, which will be ready by approximately next Spring. The new 5-year plan would be presented to the Steering Group as soon as it has been completed. In respect of local businesses and the challenge of encouraging learners to use the Welsh language in the local community, it was emphasised that the service will continue to work closely with Council service areas and partners in the community.