



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Welsh Language Cabinet Sub-Committee
DATE DECISION MADE: 09 May, 2023

Cabinet Members Present:

Councillor R Lewis (Chair), Councillor C Leyshon (Vice-Chair),
Councillor G Caple and Councillor M Norris

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor M Webber

Agenda Item : 4

SUBJECT: Welsh Language Annual Monitoring Report

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To note the content of the draft report;
2. To approve the draft report in order for a final version to be published on Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council's website, and approve the distribution of the final report to each of the authority's offices that are open to the public by no later than 30 June 2023; and
3. To approve arrangements for publicising the fact that the final annual report has been published.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The need to provide the Welsh Language Sub Committee with a copy of the Draft Welsh Language Standards Annual Report 2022 – 2023.

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

The Welsh language is a cross-cutting theme in the Corporate Plan and underpins all corporate priorities as the Council is required to comply with the amended Compliance Notice issued by the Welsh Language Commissioner in September 2016.

The draft annual report outlines the work undertaken by the Council to comply with the Welsh language statutory standards that will contribute to the Welsh Government's longer-term goal of 1 million Welsh speakers by 2050. The work undertaken to achieve these standards involves working collaboratively with partners and residents to facilitate a wide range of opportunities for the use of the Welsh language in communities across the county. Achievement of the standards will prevent complaints from residents who have been unable to access services in the Welsh language.

The content of the draft report is directly related to Goal 7 of the Well-being of Future Generations Act - a Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language. Compliance with the standards will support the normalisation of the Welsh language and ensure that the Welsh language is treated no less favourably than the English language. It also contributes to the creation of a more equal Wales by providing opportunities for Welsh speakers to access Council services in the medium of Welsh if they so wish.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

None

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:

None

6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

None

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 12 May 2023

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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APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION: ✓