



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL WELSH LANGUAGE CABINET STEERING GROUP

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Welsh Language Cabinet Steering Group held on
Wednesday, 8 December 2021 at 10.00 am.

County Borough Councillors - Welsh Language Cabinet Steering Group Members in attendance :-

Councillor G Hopkins (Chair)

Councillor J Rosser Councillor R Bevan
Councillor R Lewis

Officers in attendance :-

Mr C Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication
Ms G Davies, Director of Education and Inclusion Services
Mr S Gealy, Welsh Language Services Manager
Ms G Zecca-Hanagan, 21st Century Schools Support Officer
Ms S Daniel, Senior Democratic and Scrutiny Officer
Ms K Spence, Committee Support Officer

Others in attendance :-

Menter Iaith Representative – Mr O Rowlands

16 Welcome

The Welsh Language Services Manager welcomed Mr Osian Rowlands to his first meeting of the Steering Group.

17 Apologies

Apologies of absence were received from County Borough Councillor L. Hooper and Ms Andrea Richards.

18 Declaration of Interest

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, Councillor Rhys Lewis declared the following personal declaration of interest pertaining to the agenda and remained in the meeting when the item was discussed and voted upon:

- "I am the Chair of Governors in Abercynon Primary School, a school referenced in the WESP report".

19 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the 6th October 2021 as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

20 Draft Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP).

The Director of Education and Inclusion Services provided the Welsh Language Cabinet Steering Group Members with an overview of the Council's Draft Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) following recent public and wider consultation, advising Members of the opportunity to comment and provide feedback on the draft WESP.

Members were advised of the Council's ambitious target to increase the percentage of year one learners in Welsh medium education, to be achieved through a collaborative approach and following the proposed actions over the forthcoming ten years. Members were further advised of a recent public consultation exercise with a wide range of stakeholders to seek their views on the achievement of the ambitious target, feedback of which has been incorporated into a Statutory Consultation Report and the updated proposed WESP for consideration by Cabinet on the 13th December 2021.

The Chair thanked the officers involved in the Council's Draft WESP and noted that the plan is both ambitious but balanced. The Chair referenced the common themes captured within the responses of the consultation exercise, particularly in respect of target setting.

Members discussed the need to revisit the strategic, 10-year plan regularly to effectively measure progress made towards the targets.

Following discussion, Members **RESOLVED** to note the information provided in respect of the Council's Draft Welsh in Education Strategic Plan.

21 Urgent Business

There was no urgent business to report.

This meeting closed at 10.15 am

**Cllr G Hopkins
Chairman.**