



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

WELSH LANGUAGE CABINET SUB COMMITTEE

17TH OCTOBER 2023

WELSH LANGUAGE CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2023-2024 MUNICIPAL YEAR.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION IN DISCUSSION WITH THE RELEVANT CABINET MEMBER, COUNCILLOR R LEWIS

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To comment and approve the proposed list of matters requiring consideration by the Welsh Language Cabinet Sub-Committee during the 2023-24 Municipal Year.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Welsh Language Cabinet Sub-Committee:

- 2.1 Subject to any amendments, approve the Welsh Language Cabinet Sub-Committee Work Programme for the 2023-2024 Municipal Year, as attached as Appendix 1.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To ensure an Authority-wide approach in the delivery of services through the medium of Welsh in accordance with the Welsh Language (Wales) 2011 Measure, specifically the Statutory Standards relating to the Welsh Language / Statutory Welsh Language Scheme.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 At the Council's twenty-seventh Annual General Meeting held on 25th May 2022, the Leader announced his [Scheme of Delegation](#) for the 2022-2023 Municipal Year, whereby it was agreed that the former Steering Group would function as a Welsh Language Cabinet Sub-Committee and as such, the membership was revised to include Cabinet Member representation with voting rights to determine a matter.
- 4.2 The work programme is a rolling document for the 2023 - 2024 Municipal Year, to allow for regular updates and amendments. The work programme is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

- 4.3 During the period outlined, the work programme may be subject to further change to consider business needs.

5. PROPOSED BUSINESS

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Welsh Language Cabinet Sub-Committee formally meet on two occasions during the 2023-2024 Municipal Year. Further meetings can be convened at the request of the Chair.

- 5.2 The Welsh Language Cabinet Sub-Committee will continue to monitor the Council's Welsh Language 5 Year Strategy and associated Action Plan.

- 5.3 Furthermore, to monitor the promotion of the Welsh Language across Council services, the Sub-Committee will receive information updates, when applicable, from various service areas. This will provide the Sub-Committee with a first-hand insight into the positive impact on the provision of services in Welsh for residents in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

6. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

- 6.1 The work programme has been compiled by members of the Senior Leadership Team in discussion with the Chair of the Welsh Language Cabinet Sub-Committee.

7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS / SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

- 7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not needed because the contents of the report are for information purposes only.

8. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 A Welsh Language Impact Assessment is not needed because the contents of this report are for information purposes only.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 10.1 There are no legal implications aligned to this report.

11. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES.

- 11.1 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.

12. CONCLUSION

- 12.1 In order to play our part in the national vision of a million Welsh speakers by 2050, the Welsh Language Cabinet Sub-Committee has established a robust programme of work, to ensure an Authority-wide approach in the delivery of services through the medium of Welsh and to provide strategic direction in the implementation of the legislation.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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