

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet Scrutiny Committee

16th May 2018

Report of the Chair of Cabinet Scrutiny Committee

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

All Wards

To consider the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group to develop a Welsh Language Promotion in Neath Port Talbot.

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee with the findings following a Task and Finish Group to develop a Welsh Language Promotion Strategy.

Executive Summary

2. The report highlights the findings of the Task and Finish Group carried out by a small group of Members of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee to develop a Welsh Language Promotion Strategy.
3. The report includes information received from key stakeholders, and discussion points considered at meetings of the group.

Background

4. Since July 2016, the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee have considered reports on the implementation of the Welsh Language Commissioner's Welsh Language Standards.
5. Standard 145 (Promotion) states that every Local Authority must produce and publish on their website a 5 year strategy that sets out how they propose to promote the Welsh Language and to facilitate the use of Welsh Language more widely in their area.
6. The Committee resolved in 2017 to undertake a Task and Finish Group to develop a Welsh Language Promotion Strategy for the County Borough.

Equality Impact Assessment

7. Impact assessment is being developed and will be reported along with the final Welsh Language Promotion Strategy to Cabinet in due course.

Workforce Impacts

8. There are no direct workforce impacts associated with this report however, if the recommendations are agreed and taken forward there potentially could be workforce impacts.

Legal Impacts

9. There are no legal impacts associated with this report however, the Council has a duty to develop and implement a Welsh Language Promotion Strategy.

Risk Management

10. There are no direct risk management impacts associated with the report however, there may be a financial risk to the Council for failure to comply with the Welsh Language Standards.

Consultation

11. The recommendations included in the report are looking for permission to consult on the Draft Version of the Welsh Language Promotion Strategy.

Recommendations

12. That approval be granted for the Welsh Language Promotion Strategy (attached Appendix 1) to go out to Consultation for a 4 week period.
13. That the Consultation responses are considered by the Welsh Language Promotion Strategy Task and Finish Group and the final Welsh Language Promotion Strategy be proposed to Cabinet for approval.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

14. To ensure that Neath Port Talbot complies with the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards Regulations 2015.

Implementation of Decision

15. The decisions are proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices

16. Appendix One - Welsh Language Promotion Strategy and Action Plan

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