

# DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

5 September 2018

## REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND CHIEF DIGITAL OFFICER– K.JONES

### Welsh Language Standards Update

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide Members with an update in relation to the current position regarding the Council's Welsh Language Standards and the work being undertaken to prepare for the implementation of bilingual Agendas and Minutes.

#### **Background**

2. The Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 established a new framework in relation to compliance with legal standards relating to the Welsh Language.
3. These new standards replaced the Council's previous Welsh Language Schemes established under the Welsh Language Act 1993.

#### **Bilingual Agendas and Minutes**

4. In order to comply with Welsh Language Standards (Nos.41 and 48) work is currently being carried out by Democratic Services Officers to implement the Welsh version of the Modern Gov system.
5. Work has progressed and it is hoped to go live with part of the system in September 2018.

## **Financial Impact**

6. The introduction of new Welsh Language standards and the requirement for increased volumes of translation will inevitably result in an increased pressure on current budgets. The basic translation charge will be £65 per 1,000 translated words with an average set of minutes being around 2,000 - 3,000 words. Additional monitoring will be required following the implementation of any new administrative arrangements.

## **Equality Impact Assessment**

7. A screening assessment has been undertaken but a full equality impact assessment is not warranted.

## **Workforce Impacts**

8. Due to the requirement for the introduction of additional administrative system arrangements there will be some workforce impacts associated with this report although it is currently unclear how significant this impact will be. Additional monitoring during the transition period will be required.

## **Legal Powers**

9. Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/1/contents>

## **Risk Management**

10. There are risks associated with non-compliance of the Welsh Language Standards Nos 41 and 48.

## **Consultation**

11. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

## **Recommendation**

12. That the Committee note the report.

## **Appendices**

13. None.

## List of Background Papers

14. None

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