ITEM

MEETING	Council
DATE	14 July 2011
TITLE	Gwynedd Welsh Education Scheme
PURPOSE	Formal presentation of Gwynedd Council Welsh Education Scheme
REPORT BY	Dewi R Jones, Head of Education
RECOMMENDATION	Receive a copy of the Education Scheme as an indication of the Council's commitment to its implementation.
PORTFOLIO HOLDER	Cllr Liz Saville Roberts

BACKGROUND

I present for your attention a copy of Gwynedd Council Welsh Education Scheme that is formally published at today's Council meeting.

Following a period of detailed discussion and consultation on the draft scheme, the final draft version was presented for the Welsh Language Board's attention and met with their approval on 30 June 2011.

In his letter, the Language Board's Chief Executive notes that the Board welcomes the targets contained in the Scheme and looks forward to continued collaboration with the Authority during the period of target implementation and monitoring progress until the Welsh Assembly Government's new arrangements for Welsh language Strategy Plans are enforced.

Before sending the final draft to the Welsh Language Board, the Council's Language Sub-committee requested that I make arrangements for you as Elected Members to receive a copy each of the Education Scheme after it has received final approval.

RECOMMENDATION

I therefore ask that you, as Elected Members, receive your copy of this document as an indication of our commitment to see its contents being implemented and so as to enable all of us to contribute towards the discussions and implementation in all of the educational establishments for which we are responsible.

May I also kindly ask that you receive a copy of Gwynedd Primary Schools Language Charter as a significant document to set a direction for our task of developing social use of children who reside in Gwynedd of the Welsh language.

(You as Elected Members are requested to collect your copies of the Education Scheme and Language Charter from your pigeon holes prior to the meeting, please).