

COMMITTEE	LANGUAGE COMMITTEE
DATE	28 June 2012
TITLE OF REPORT	Welsh Language Scheme Monitoring Report 2011-2012
RECOMMENDATION	That the Committee accept and approve the Report before it is sent to the Welsh Language Commissioner
AUTHOR	Language and Equality Officer

1. BACKGROUND

The Welsh Language Commissioner's statutory powers came into effect on April 1 2012, and so this is the first Language Monitoring Report for the Council to present to the Commissioner rather than the Welsh Language Board.

This Report however, in line with the advice received from the Commissioner's office, follows the pattern previously set out by the Welsh Language Board, which requires us to report annually on specific indicators. These include key areas such as bilingual services, language complaints, third party arrangements and staff language skills. We expect that these reporting arrangements will change as the new Language Standards are established.

The Monitoring Report is based upon information received from staff across the Council and also upon some strategic matters which arose from the Language Sub-Committee.

2. THE REPORT

2.1. In addition to reporting on indicators set by the Welsh Language Board, the Report also outlines the progress made on some language projects undertaken within the Council, and in particular the Youth and Leisure Services. It should be noted that that the Leisure Centres' Language Champions project originally arose out of discussions within the Language Sub-Committee.

2.2. At the end of the Report, examples of good practice are noted, along with future priority areas or where insufficient progress was made over the monitoring period..

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1. The Committee is asked to offer any comments and to approve the Report before presenting it to the Welsh Language Commissioner.