

COMMITTEE	LANGUAGE COMMITTEE
DATE	27 June 2013
TITLE	Gwynedd Council's Welsh Language Scheme
RECOMMENDATION	To extend the term of the Welsh Language Scheme
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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 As the Committee is aware we are currently in a period of change which will lead to language schemes being replaced by Welsh language standards. The Language Commissioner has written to local authority language officers to confirm that they will not be expected to revise their schemes, but that they should continue with the existing ones.

1.2 The Council's Welsh Language Scheme was revised in 2010 for the period 2010-13. In view of the Commissioner's advice it appears that the best way forward would be to extend the term of the scheme until language schemes are replaced by the new language standards.

1.3 In the meantime we will continue to look at the Council's performance under the Scheme, and the next step will be to submit the annual monitoring report to the Commissioner. The Commissioner will provide a response, which will be reported to this Committee. We will then discuss short term targets and any matter that have been recognised as requiring attention, with the Commissioner.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the extension of the term of the current Welsh Language Scheme until the Welsh language standards come into force.