

MEETING:	LANGUAGE COMMITTEE
DATE:	24 April 2018
TITLE:	Consultation on Gwynedd Language Strategy
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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT	Present the consultation document, Welsh Language Promotion Plan for Gwynedd 2018-2023 to the Members

1. Background

- 1.1 In accordance with Standard 145 (Welsh Language Standards, Welsh Language Measure (wales) 2011), we have a statutory obligation to publish a language strategy that explains how we intend to promote and encourage the use of the Welsh language in the county.
- 1.2 The new strategy will be lead by Gwynedd Council, and all departments will be expected to contribute to it's implementation, as well as external partners. The strategy will also reflect the commitments made in relation to the Welsh language in the Gwynedd Council Plan, the Gwynedd and Mon Well-being Plan, as well as wider strategic plans.
- 1.3 A draft strategy has been written on the basis of consultation with members, and taking into consideration other strategies and plans relevant to the field of work.
- 1.4 A consultation process will be held over the next six weeks which will include sessions with the heads of services internally and representatives from external partners and community groups.

2. Next steps

The final Strategy, along with a detailed Implementation Plan, which will include commitments from various departments and external bodies to fulfil the aims, will be brought before the Cabinet and afterwards to the full Council meeting in the Autumn.

3. What is being asked of the members?

- 3.1 We ask the members to consider and discuss the contents of the Welsh Language Promotion Plan for Gwynedd.
- 3.2 The consultation questionnaire has been included to facilitate the debate, and members are invited to offer their opinion on the different aspects.

3.3 Members can also offer individual feedback by filling in the questionnaire and returning it to the Language Officer on cydraddoldebaciaith@gwynedd.llyw.cymru