

MEETING	LANGUAGE COMMITTEE
DATE	16 January 2020
TITLE	Annual Review Report of the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP)
PURPOSE	To consider the contents of the progress report and offer observations
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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The School Standards and Organisation Act (2013) became law in Wales on 4 March 2013. The Act places a statutory duty on Local Authorities to prepare and submit a Welsh in Education Strategic Plan to Welsh Government. These initial plans came into effect on 1 April 2014 for a period of three years up to March 2017. These plans outline the way Local Authorities intend to achieve aims and targets set by Welsh Government and which are outlined in the Welsh Medium Education Strategy.
- 1.2 To this end, Welsh Government has published several other key policy documents in the field of Welsh in Education:
- Cymraeg 2050
 - Education in Wales: Our Nation's Mission (Action Plan 2017-21)
 - The Welsh Language in Education: Action Plan 2017-21
 - Welsh Language Promotion Plan for Gwynedd 2018-23
- 1.3 During 2017-18, a consultation period was held on the Welsh in Education Strategic Plans (Wales) Regulations 2019 together with the draft Guidelines. Confirmation was received recently that the Regulations had been laid down on 5 December 2019 and will come into force on 1 January 2020. Copies of the Regulations can be found here: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2019/1489/made>
- 1.4 The Regulations require Local Authorities to set a 10-year target in their WESPs which outlines the expected increase in Year 1 children educated through the medium of Welsh.
- 1.5 For the time being, however, we are continuing to implement our current three-year WESP, and the purpose of this report is to present the Gwynedd annual review report on the implementation of our current WESP in 2018-19.

2. GWYNEDD WESP ANNUAL REVIEW REPORT 2018-19

- 2.1 In Appendix 1, an annual review report on the implementation of the Gwynedd WESP for the year 2018-19 is presented.
- 2.2 The annual review report has been presented in a different format this year, after receiving a specific template for the report from Welsh Government. The annual review will be submitted to Welsh Government following the Language Committee.
- 2.3 In Appendix 2, a copy of the Gwynedd WESP for 2017-2020 for information and convenience can be found by clicking on the following link: [Gwynedd WESP](#)
- 2.4 Also for convenience, the definition of the seven WESP outcomes can be found below:

- Outcome 1: More seven-year-old children educated through the medium of Welsh.
- Outcome 2: More pupils continuing to improve their Welsh language skills when transferring from primary to secondary school.
- Outcome 3: More 14-16 year-old pupils studying for qualifications through the medium of Welsh.
- Outcome 4: More students aged 14-19 studying subjects through the medium of Welsh in schools, colleges and through work-based learning.
- Outcome 5: More learners with higher skills in Welsh.
- Outcome 6: Welsh-medium Additional Learning Needs (ALN) provision.
- Outcome 7: Workforce planning and Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to:

- Submit any observations on the contents of the annual review report on the WESP that is intended to be submitted to Welsh Government.