

# GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET



## Report to a meeting of Gwynedd Council Cabinet

Date of meeting	<b>24 November 2020</b>
Cabinet Member	<b>Councillor Nia Jeffreys</b>
Contact Officer	<b>Llywela Owain, Senior Language and Scrutiny Advisor</b>
Contact Number	<b>32261</b>
Subject	<b>Hunaniaith</b>

### **DECISION SOUGHT:**

- I. Give support to undertake further work to consider possible options in the future for Hunaniaith - the Gwynedd Language Initiative.
- II. Establish a task force of Council officers to identify the necessary steps that need to be followed to create a robust business case for the possible options.

### **INTRODUCTION AND RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS**

It is critically important that Hunaniaith delivers for the people of Gwynedd in the most effective way possible. The report from IAITH: The Language Planning Centre triggered discussions regarding securing firm foundations for Hunaniaith to deliver for the people of Gwynedd in the future.

It has led to a recommendation from the Hunaniaith Strategic Group to establish Hunaniaith as an independent entity in the future in order to realise the potential of Hunaniaith.

I am of the opinion that further work needs to be done to develop the possible options (including the recommendation of the Strategic Group to establish Hunaniaith as an independent entity), but that detailed consideration should be given to the benefits, the risks and the costs in order to come to the right conclusion.

Therefore, I am eager to obtain the Cabinet's support to further consider the possible options for the future.

### **ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO RECOMMENDING THE DECISION**

As noted in the report of IAITH: The Language Planning Centre, the input of key stakeholders was ensured in the original report. A discussion was held on the opportunities to develop

Hunaniaith further, and the direction to recommend, at a meeting of the Hunaniaith Strategic Group on 14/09/2020.

## **VIEWS OF THE STATUTORY OFFICERS**

The Monitoring Officer:

The recommendation represents an appropriate proposal to review the Hunaniaith service provision model in response to the request of the Strategic Group. As the Finance Officer notes in his observations, there is a need to weigh up a number of governance, financial, contractual and staffing matters when considering moving to a feasible alternative model of service provision. Any recommendation to transfer to an alternative model that derives from the work should identify a work plan that also details the resources required to achieve this.

Head of Finance:

I agree with the views of the Cabinet Member in the above report that detailed consideration needs to be given to the benefits, risks and costs of the possible options to enable Hunaniaith to deliver effectively and efficiently for the people of Gwynedd.

Establishing Hunaniaith as an independent entity could create incommensurable overheads (articles, accounts, etc.), and raise practical matters to resolve (when transferring and employing staff), therefore, we should proceed diligently.

## **APPENDICES**

Report of Dafydd Iwan, Chair of the Hunaniaith Strategic Group

Report of IAITH: The Language Planning Centre