

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 13TH JULY, 2023

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 6TH JULY, 2023

“C49 WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2022-23 (EAWL) (SCRUTINY – LEARNING AND CULTURE AND CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to seek approval for the Council’s Annual Welsh Monitoring Report and update on 5-year Promotion Strategy.

Councillor Birch listed matters already in place bilingually including the website that was available and updated bilingually and would soon include historical pages also, staff pages enabled staff to view their information on internal news, policies, payslips etc., the Chief Executive posted a weekly message to staff bilingually, Communications teams produce material bilingually and the Contact Centre and Reception at the Civic Offices were able to conduct business in either medium of English or Welsh. Recruitment and retention of Welsh speakers was a priority and Welsh language courses for all levels offered during work time and at no cost to staff, with classes held remotely including members of the community. Welsh awareness training had also been made available for elected Members as part of equalities training.

The Leader noted that the Report Owner listed on the report was incorrect, stated as the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources when it should have been the Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the Annual Welsh Monitoring Report for 2022-23 (Appendix 1) and Update on the Welsh Language Promotional Strategy (Appendix 2) be approved in principle, subject to consideration by Scrutiny Committee (Learning & Culture and Corporate Performance & Resources).

(2) T H A T the report and appendices be referred to Learning and Culture and Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committees for consideration and if endorsed by the Committees, that the report be published.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To allow the Council to meet its reporting duty to the Welsh Commissioner as part of the Welsh Language Standards.
- (2) To enable Learning and Culture and Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committees to consider the report (and appendices) prior to publication.”

Attached as Appendix – Report to Cabinet: 6th July, 2023