

Y BWRDD GWEITHREDOL 23AIN O HYDREF 2017

I GYTUNO AR AELODAETH FFORWM Y GYMRAEG MEWN ADDYSG

Yr Argymhellion / Penderfyniadau Allweddol Sydd Eu Hangen:

Gofynnir i'r Bwrdd Gweithredol gytuno ar aelodaeth arfaethedig Fforwm y Gymraeg mewn Addysg Sir Gaerfyrddin a chadarnhau penodiad y Cyngorwyr Sir canlynol

Aelod o'r Bwrdd Gweithredol dros Addysg a 6 aelod (2 o bob grŵp gwleidyddol): -

Plaid Cymru: - Y Cyngorwyr Darren Price a Cefin Campbell.

Llafur: - Y Cyngorwyr Dot Jones a Shahana Najmi.

Grŵp Annibynnol - Y Cyngorwyr Andrew James a Sue Allen.

Y Rhesymau:

Mae gofyniad statudol i Sir Gaerfyrddin gael Fforwm y Gymraeg mewn Addysg. Gan fod gennym Gyngor/Bwrdd Gweithredol newydd mae angen ystyried ac adolygu aelodaeth y Fforwm hwn.

Ymgynghorwyd â'r pwyllgor craffu perthnasol NADDO
Angen i'r Bwrdd Gweithredol wneud penderfyniad OES
Angen i'r Cyngor wneud penderfyniad NAC OES

YR AELOD O'R BWRDD GWEITHREDOL SY'N GYFRIFOL AM Y PORTFFOLIO:- Cyng. Glynog Davies

Y Gyfarwyddiaeth:

Enw Pennaeth y Gwasanaeth:

Aeron Rees

Awdur yr Adroddiad:

Aeron Rees

Swyddi:

Pennaeth Cwricwlwm a Lles

Rhifau ffôn:

Cyfeiriadau E-bost:

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
EXECUTIVE BOARD
23RD OCTOBER 2017**

WELSH IN EDUCATION FORUM

The **School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013** introduced a statutory obligation for local authorities to prepare and submit Welsh in Education Strategic Plans (WESP) to the Welsh Government.

A Welsh in education strategic plan is a plan which contains-

- a) a local authority's proposals on how it will carry out its education functions to-
 - i. improve the planning of the provision of education through the medium of Welsh ("Welsh medium education") in its area;
 - ii. improve the standards of Welsh medium education and of the teaching of Welsh in its area;
- b) the local authority's targets for improving the planning of the provision of Welsh medium education in its area and for improving the standards of that education and of the teaching of Welsh in its area;
- c) a report on the progress made to meet the targets contained in the previous plan or previous revised plan.

The main focus of the WESP is the targets set out in the national Welsh Medium Education Strategy, against which the local authority is required to report annually to the Welsh Government: Local authorities will be required to review progress against these targets.

The five outcomes are as follows:

- **more seven-year-old children being taught through the medium of Welsh as a percentage of the Year 2 cohort;**
- **more learners continuing to improve their language skills on transfer from primary school to secondary school;**
- **more learners studying for qualifications through the medium of Welsh;**
- **more learners aged 16-19 studying Welsh and subjects through the medium of Welsh; and**
- **more learners with improved skills in Welsh.**

The WESP sets out a requirement for each local authority to establish a Welsh Education Forum (referred to as 'the Forum' from this point onwards). In legislation the Forum is described as follows-

Welsh medium education forum ("fforwm addysg cyfrwng Cymraeg") means a body established by a local authority for the purpose of improving the provision of Welsh medium education the members of which consist of local authority officers and such other persons as the local authority considers appropriate;

- The Department for Education and Children will facilitate meetings of the Forum.
- The Forum will meet on a termly basis
- The Forum's primary role will be to monitor progress in relation to the WESP objectives.
- The Forum's Terms of Reference will be reviewed annually.
- Membership of the Forum will also be reviewed annually, however it is expected that membership will include the following:
 - County councillors, including the Portfolio Holder for Education (7)
 - The council's Director of Education and Children's Services/Heads of Service
 - Council officers whose role is linked to the outcomes stated in the WESP
 - Representatives of schools (5)
 - Representatives of Welsh language organisations- Mudiad Meithrin
 - School Governor/Parent
 - Others as agreed by the Forum

The Forum shall provide a formal channel of communication between Carmarthenshire County Council, its maintained schools, and other partner organisations with an interest in Welsh education. In particular, the Forum shall:

- Act as a consultative group for the development of the WESP.
- Monitor the implementation of the WESP.
- Monitor the provision of Welsh-medium education and act as a consultative group for future developments.
- Provide an annual report to the Welsh Government describing progress in terms of implementing the WESP's targets against the approved timetable.

In order to avoid any delay in the appointment of members to sit on the Forum, nominations have been sought and received from the Leaders of the political groups.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	NO
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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: A. Rees

Head of Curriculum and Wellbeing

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

2. Legal

The School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and subsequent guidance introduced a statutory obligation for local authorities to set up a Welsh in Education Forum.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: A. Rees

Head of Curriculum and Wellbeing

1. Scrutiny Committee N/A
2. Local Member(s) N/A
3. Community / Town Council N/A
4. Relevant Partners *Consulted through membership of the forum*
5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations *Consulted through membership of the forum*

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: THERE ARE NONE