

Bridgend County Borough Council

Report of the Chief Executive

Equalities Committee

19 December 2006

Draft Revised Welsh Language Scheme

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to seek the endorsement of the Revised Welsh Language Scheme (see appendix 1).

2. Background

- 2.1** In order to meet its statutory duty that, in the conduct of public business and the administration of justice, the Authority will treat Welsh and English on a basis of equality and to achieve level 2 of the Equality Standard for Local Government in Wales by March 2007 the Authority must put in place a Revised Welsh Language Scheme.

3. Draft Revised Welsh Language Scheme

- 3.1** The draft Revised Welsh Language Scheme includes the elements required to meet the requirements of Welsh Language Act and level 1 and 2 of the Equality Standard for Local Government in Wales.
- 3.2** The report includes the response received from the Welsh Language Board to the revised scheme for the Committee to consider in making its recommendations.

4. Legal and financial implications

This report contributes to the authority meeting its statutory duties (see background papers listed below) and the financial implications arising from this revised scheme will be assessed by the Corporate Equalities Management Group to support the submission of a report to Cabinet.

5. Recommendations

That the Equalities Committee endorse the draft Revised Welsh Language Scheme and recommend it to Cabinet.

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Background papers:

- Equality Standard for Local Government in Wales
- Wales Programme of Improvement Guidance for Local Authorities 2005 (Circular 28/2005)
- Welsh Language Act 1993
- Government of Wales Act 1998
- Human Rights Act 1998