

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO CABINET EQUALITY COMMITTEE

12 APRIL 2010

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE – CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

WELSH LANGUAGE (WALES) MEASURE 2010

1. Purpose of Report.

To advise the Cabinet Equalities Committee about the consultation process relating to the proposed Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2010 and to introduce the presentation from the Policy and Performance Officer on the Measure and for the Committee to make recommendations to Cabinet for inclusion in the Authority's response to the consultation.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority.

There is no connection to the Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority at present, however the Measure, if approved, will give the Welsh Assembly Government powers to change the duties on local authorities in respect of the Welsh Language.

3. Background.

The National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) (Order) 2010 has transferred competence for legislating in respect of the Welsh language from the UK Government to the Welsh Assembly Government.

4. Current situation / proposal.

The Welsh Assembly Government now intends to use its new powers in this field, and has published the proposed Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2010.

Legislation Committee No. 2 of the National Assembly is scrutinising the proposed Measure and has invited stakeholders to make representations in writing. The closing date for receiving representations is 11 May 2010.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

There is no effect upon the Policy Framework and the Procedure Rules.

6. Legal Implications.

There are no legal implications at this stage.

7. Financial Implications.

There are no financial implications.

8. Recommendation.

That the Cabinet Equalities Committee receives a presentation on the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2010 and the related issues and make recommendations to Cabinet for inclusion in the Authority's response to the Consultation document.

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Background documents

Welsh Language (Wales) Measure (2010)

National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) (Order) 2010

Welsh Language Act (1993)