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Welsh Language Strategy Consultation	<i>Information</i>	
Crynodeb o'r Materion / Summary of Issues		
<p>The Welsh Language (Wales) Bill 2011 established a legal framework to impose duties on certain organisations, including Ceredigion County Council to comply with standards in relation to the Welsh language.</p>		
<p>Standard 145 places a duty on the County Council to develop and publish a 5-year strategy that explains how the Council intends to promote the Welsh language and facilitate the use of Welsh within the wider area. Part of the Strategy requires a target to be set for maintaining or increasing the number of Welsh speakers within the area by the end of the 5-year period covered.</p>		
<p>In line with the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards, this Strategy sets out how the Council will, go about promoting the Welsh language and to facilitate wider use of Welsh within the local area, by working with member organisations from Ceredigion's Bilingual Future Language Forum. The Strategy supports the Welsh Government's vision, to create one million Welsh speakers in Wales by 2050.</p>		
<p><u>Ceredigion Welsh Language Promotion Strategy 2024-2029</u></p>		
<p>The current Strategy period ended in 2023 with an attainment report prepared and submitted to the Language Committee. We were required to prepare a new Strategy in accordance with the statutory requirements. The new Strategy builds on the foundations laid by the 2018-23 Language Strategy and the fantastic work undertaken by the Council and it's partners to increase opportunities to use Welsh across the County.</p>		
<p>Here is a firm vision for Strategy 2024-2029:</p>		
<p>"Increase the use of the language throughout the county . Our vision is that Welsh and Welshness will belong to all in Ceredigion and be a source of pride among all residents of the county."</p>		

In addition, to make the vision a reality we set 4 strategic themes - Ceredigion is a place where it is possible to learn, live, belong and succeed through the medium of Welsh.

By performing the actions highlighted in this Strategy:

1. We want to see everyone within the county give value to Welsh as a living community language.
2. We want to see it increased use in all aspects of public life in the county; where residents can live, learn, belong and succeed through the medium of Welsh.
3. We want to ensure that bilingualism is promoted as a natural cue, and that the Welsh language is protected for future generations to use and enjoy.
4. We assume that the percentage of Welsh speakers will increase by 1.5% from 45.3% in 2021 to 46.8% in 2029, this will result in an increase of 612 Welsh speakers off baseline 2021. This means by 2029 there should be 32,292 Welsh-speaking residents in Ceredigion.

There will be an action plan associated with each of the four themes.

Goblygiadau Ariannol / Financial Implications

Argymhellion / Recommendations

For Information – The Language Strategy will be submitted to the attention of Ceredigion Public Service Board.

Atodiadau / Attachments

Appendix 1 – Welsh Language Promotion Strategy

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