

MEETING:	LANGUAGE COMMITTEE
DATE:	JUNE 26 2014
TITLE:	UPDATE ON LANGUAGE STANDARDS
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PURPOSE OF REPORT:	UPDATE THE COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 During the Language Committee meeting of April 4, it was confirmed that Gwynedd Council was preparing a response to the Welsh Language Commissioner's Standards Investigation.
- 1.2 The main requirement of the Investigation was for us to provide information on what is provided through the medium of Welsh and our capacity to comply with the proposed Standards. However, we also presented more general comments on our response to these proposed Standards.
- 1.3 The Language Committee agreed upon these comments on April 4.
- 1.4 The Welsh Language Commissioner has now published a Standards Report, which notes the conclusions of the Investigation. In addition to this report, an advice document for Welsh Ministers has also been produced which summarises the comments received from the public and interest groups regarding the nature of the proposed Standards themselves.
- 1.5 These documents can be seen on the Welsh Language Commissioner's website:

<http://www.comisiynyddygydraeg.org/English/News/Pages/Welsh-Language-Commissioner-presents-standards-reports-and-advice-to-Welsh-Ministers.aspx>

2. NEXT STEPS

- 2.1. The regulations are expected to come into force in November 2014.