

MEETING:	LANGUAGE COMMITTEE
DATE:	18 October 2018
TITLE:	Work Programme for the Language Committee
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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT	Present ideas for a work programme for the members' information and discussion

1. Background

1.1 A meeting was held on the 9th of October, including the Chairman, Deputy Chair and Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Welsh language to discuss possible subjects for inclusion in the upcoming agendas of the Language Committee.

1.2 The members were reminded of the Language Committee terms of reference and the fields and areas where they have influence over.

1.3 The main purpose of the Language Committee is to oversee the implementation of the Council Language Policy and compliance with the Welsh Language Standards. As well as that, they have a consultative role in respect of any language promotion plans in the county.

1.4 With the publication of the Gwynedd Language Promotion Plan, therefore, the role of the committee in monitoring it's implementation was mentioned, and it was suggested that we could use the themes of the priority areas in the Plan as discussion themes - looking at one or two areas in each meeting.

1.5 As a result of this meeting, the following areas were offered by the members as possible discussion points:

- Bilingual Education – how we steer in favour of the Welsh language
- Developing the skills of the workforce – especially written skills
- Promoting Welsh policies – how the Council work with other bodies and sectors and influences their use of the Welsh language
- The outsourcing and major changes to frontline services, and how we ensure the standards in transferring services (especially the leisure and youth services)
- How we learn from the good work of others
- The role of technology

- The role of Hunaniaith in influencing and working with other public bodies, and to challenge the work practice of others.

2. What is being asked of the members?

2.1 We ask the members of the committee to do three things:

- i) Consider the discussion subjects offered above
- ii) Consider are there any other subjects, that are relevant to the priorities in the Language Promotion Plan, that they would like to look at.
- iii) To prioritise the discussion subjects in order to form a programme of discussions for the year to come.