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Welsh Language
Commissioner

25 Mawrth 2024

Dear Director,

**Welsh Language Standards – consultation on compliance notice under Section 47
Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011**

As you will be aware, following the introduction of the [Corporate Joint Committees \(Amendment of Schedule 6 to the Welsh Language \(Wales\) Measure 2011\) Regulations 2021](#) and amendments to [Welsh Language Standards \(No. 1\) Regulations 2015](#) the Welsh Language Commissioner can place standards on your organisation. Following one to one meetings with representatives of your organisation, the Commissioner is now starting the statutory consultation process under section 47 of the Welsh Language Measure with you.

(1) Consultation:

You are requested to provide evidence to the Welsh Language Commissioner by using the response form attached. The form includes a space for you to note if you are of the opinion that one or more of the standards included within this notice is unreasonable and/or disproportionate. If you are of the opinion that one or more of the standards included within this notice is unreasonable and/or disproportionate please state:

- a) the number of the standard in the draft compliance notice which in your opinion is unreasonable and/or disproportionate;
- b) why the standard is unreasonable and/or disproportionate, noting all supporting reasons and evidence you consider relevant;
- c) whether varying a requirement to comply with a standard would make it reasonable and/or proportionate. For example, by introducing the requirement at different times, in different circumstances or in different areas or by imposing a different standard relating to the same activity. You should note what these are, noting all supporting reasons and evidence you consider relevant.

When responding, you should consider the contents of the draft compliance notice alongside the Welsh Language Standards (No. 1) Regulations 2015. Particular notice



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should be given to the 'interpreting the standards' parts, which identify when some standards apply and offer guidance on interpretation of the standards. You should also consider the [Code of Practice](#) which provides practical guidance on the requirements of the standards.

(2) Consultation start date:

The consultation period on the draft compliance notice will commence on **25 March 2024**. This period will end on **21 June 2024**.

The failure of an organisation to participate in a consultation does not prevent the Commissioner from giving the organisation a compliance notice. Should you not wish to provide comment or evidence on the content of the draft compliance notice we would be grateful if you would confirm so.

Please note that the draft compliance notice and response form will only be provided electronically.

If you have any questions during the consultation period, you are welcome to contact my officers on 0345 60 33 221 or at post@cyg-wlc.cymru .

Yours sincerely,

Efa Gruffudd Jones
Welsh Language Commissioner
