

Report of Chief Executive

Subject: **Welsh Language Strategy**

Purpose of Report

To establish a Member/Officer Working Group to draft the Authority's second Welsh Language Strategy.

Introduction/Background

On the 30th September 2015, the Welsh Language Commissioner issued the Authority with a Compliance Notice in accordance with Section 44 of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011. The Compliance Notice sets out a number of Welsh Language Standards with which the Authority is required to comply. Standard 145 states:

“You must produce, and publish on your website, a 5-year strategy that sets out how you propose to promote the Welsh language and to facilitate the use of the Welsh language more widely in your area; and the strategy must include (amongst other matters):

- (a) a target (in terms of the percentage of speakers in your area) for increasing or maintaining the number of Welsh speakers in your area by the end of the 5 year period concerned, and*
- (b) a statement setting out how you intend to reach that target;*

and you must review the strategy and publish a revised version on your website within 5 years of publishing a strategy (or of publishing a revised strategy).”

On the 29th November 2017, Members adopted the current Welsh Language Strategy 2017 - 2022. In accordance with the Welsh Language Standards, the Authority must now produce a new Strategy to take it forward over the next 5 years.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Members agree to establish a Member/Officer Working Group to:

- 1. review the Authority's performance against its current Welsh Language Strategy 2017 – 2022, and**

2. draft a second Strategy for promoting and facilitating the use of the Welsh language within the National Park over the next 5 years.

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Background Documents

Report No. 56/17 to the National Park Authority meeting of the 29th November 2017
Welsh Language Standards Compliance Notice issued to the Authority on the 30th September 2015

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