

**AGENDA ITEM 7****RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL****CABINET****25<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2015****WELSH LANGUAGE SCHEME – ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT TO THE  
WELSH LANGUAGE COMMISSIONER.****REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, EDUCATION & LIFELONG LEARNING****AUTHOR: - Wendy Edwards – Head of Community Learning.****1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To present, for Cabinet Members' information the Welsh Language Annual Monitoring report in respect of Rhondda Cynon Taf Council, before its presentation to the Welsh Language Commissioner.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Cabinet approve the Welsh Language Scheme Annual Monitoring Report and that the report is submitted bilingually to the Welsh Language Commissioner by the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 The Council's Welsh Language Scheme (revision 4) was approved by full Council in July 2009; it was subsequently accepted by the Welsh language Board in September 2009. The Welsh Language Monitoring Report is produced annually to inform the Welsh Language Commissioner of the Council's performance against the Welsh Language Scheme. This report is attached as appendix 1 of this reports and will need to be submitted to the Commissioner by the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

3.2 The Welsh Language Commissioner has published new statutory service standards to be adopted by public bodies which will replace the current Welsh Language Scheme. Consequently this will be the last Monitoring Report in the scheme. It refers to developments in the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

**4. AREAS WHERE IMPROVEMENTS OR GOOD PRACTICE HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED.**

4.1 The establishment of the Welsh Language Cabinet Steering Group to ensure an authority wide approach in the delivery of services through the medium of Welsh in accordance with the Welsh Language (Wales) 2011























































