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## **WLGA WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23**

### **Purpose**

- 1 For members to receive and endorse the WLGA Welsh Language Standards Annual Report for 2022-23.

### **Background**

- 2 The Welsh Language Commissioner undertook a review of the WLGA between November 2014 and February 2015. A standards report outlining the conclusions of the investigation was then produced for Welsh Ministers in May 2015, which was also shared with the WLGA.
- 3 In October 2015, the Welsh Language Commissioner highlighted the Welsh Ministers' full response to the report together with the proposed timetable for introducing Welsh language standards for the WLGA.
- 4 The Welsh Language Standards (No.2) Regulations 2016 came into effect on 16th of February 2016 and the Welsh Language Commissioner was then duly authorised to issue a notice to the WLGA requiring compliance with one or more of the standards.
- 5 A period of consultation followed between 31st March 2016 to 26th May 2016.
- 6 In response to further queries raised by the WLGA, the Welsh Language Commissioner issued a determination letter together with a revised compliance notice in May 2017.
- 7 In September 2018, the WLGA published its first Annual Report covering the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018. This sixth Annual Report covers the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

### **Recommendations**

#### **8 Members are asked to:**

- 8.1 **Receive and endorse the WLGA Welsh Language Standards Annual Report 2022-23 for publication.**

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