

Terms of Reference

Census Working Group: the Welsh Language in Carmarthenshire following the 2011 Census

Aim

To analyse the 2011 Census results for the Welsh language in Carmarthenshire and consider approaches for the Council and wider community in addressing the current decrease in numbers of Welsh speakers.

Objectives

- To analyse and interpret the 2011 Census figures by national, County and ward level identifying trends in use and local impacts.
- To consider the findings of current national reviews into the Welsh language being undertaken by the Welsh Language Commissioner and Welsh Government (and any others as appropriate)
- To consider Council policy approaches to Welsh language.
- To take evidence from a selection of interested parties.
- To agree a way forward to addressing the decrease in the number of Welsh speakers in Carmarthenshire.

Membership

The cross-party group will consist of 9 elected members. The parties to confirm representatives as follows:

- 3 Plaid Cymru representatives
- 3 Labour representatives
- 3 Independent representatives.

Working Arrangements

- The Working Group will elect a Chair from within its membership.
- The group will report its findings within 6 months of its establishment to the Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee.
- The Group will be supported by the Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Focus & Policy) and officers from the Corporate Policy Team, Chief Executive's Department.