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March 2018

Dear Director of Education,

REVISED WELSH IN EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN (WESP) 2017-2020

Approval Process

Thank you for sending us a copy of the revised Plan with modifications, in response to the previous Ministers letter of the 4 August 2017.

The Welsh Ministers have now considered and assessed the plan submitted by your authority and have approved it without further modifications.

Publication and Implementation of the Plan

The authority should now publish and implement the Plan in accordance with the requirements of the Welsh in Education Strategic Plans and Assessing Demand for Welsh-medium Education (Wales) Regulations 2013. In this context, publication means:

- placing it on the local authority's website, and
- making copies of the plan available for inspection by members of the public at –
 - the local authority's offices, and
 - any other place it considers appropriate.

Under section 85(7) of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 local authorities must take all reasonable steps to implement their approved WESPs. Furthermore, in line with the recent statement on financial support for Band B of 21st Century Schools and Education Programme, we will assess each application carefully to ensure that it reflects the aims and objectives of your WESP. Every proposal submitted under the overarching Strategic Outline programme will be carefully assessed through each stage of the project approval process. Individual project approval is dependent upon receipt of satisfactory business cases.

I would now urge you to follow the good practice that has been developed already by several authorities, that is to produce an operational plan based on the targets in your Plan. Members of the Forums have a prominent role in assisting you to formulate, implement and monitor the action plan and it is a way of ensuring that the scheme is being delivered in partnership at a local level. If you would like a template or an example of an action plan then please do not hesitate to contact officers in the Welsh in Education Unit.

We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you and monitoring progress over the lifespan of the plan.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bethan Webb". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and a period at the end.

Bethan Webb
Head of Welsh Language Division