**Ceiriog Uchaf Community Council**

**Welsh Language Policy**

**Prepared under the Welsh Language Act 1993**

**Aims and Objectives of the Scheme**

The Council recognises the principles enshrined in the Welsh Language Act 1993 and, in particular that the English and Welsh languages shall be treated on a basis of equality.

The Council will ensure that no member of the public is denied the right to use their preferred language particularly with respect to written communications.

**Written Communications**

The public are welcome to deal with the Council in writing in either English or Welsh. Every letter received in Welsh will receive a signed reply in Welsh whenever a reply is required. A correspondent will need to understand that obtaining a translation may delay a reply.

**Meetings of the Council and its Committees**

The public may attend but do not contribute to meetings of the Council unless invited to do so. The financial implications with respect to the provision of translation facilities at meetings are considerable and outside the scope of the Council's very limited financial resources.

**Publishing and Printing Materials for the Public**

Minutes of Council meetings are currently provided in the English language. The cost of providing a Welsh Language version of minutes is considered to be prohibitive and beyond what can reasonably be imposed on the Council Tax payers.

**Advertising and Publicity**

Statutory notices will be published in both languages in accordance with the Act.

**Monitoring**

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

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