

Welsh Language Impact Assessment

Title: Energy Efficiency Strategy	WLIA Reference No <i>(completed by WLU):</i>				
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Programme/Project Type <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Business change <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Construction, Capital <input type="checkbox"/> ICT <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify below) </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Project or programme <input type="checkbox"/> Research, evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Services <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts, tenders </div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>					
Costs: How much is the projected whole life cost for the programme/project? If below £25k, then a full WLIA is not always required (see guidance).					
Under £25k	£25k - £49k	£50 - £249K	£250K - £1m	Over £1m	
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Of the above, please provide details if there are any identified costs directly associated with the Welsh language? <p>There are anticipated to be few costs directly associated with the Welsh language. Costs, such as translation of the strategy itself and associated publicity, will be mainstreamed into overall costs for the strategy development.</p> <p>The Welsh Government is committed to undertaking an assessment of the Welsh Language impact of any action that we take forward to deliver on this strategy, where appropriate.</p>					
How long is the programme/project expected to run?					
Up to 1 yr	Up to 2yrs	Up to 5yrs	Up to 10yrs	More than 10 yrs	Unknown
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It is anticipated the strategy will be published in 2016 and ongoing implementation will begin following this.					

Key milestone dates for the programme/ project:
<p>A twelve week public consultation of the draft strategy will take place between June and September 2015.</p> <p>Publication of the final strategy is expected in 2016.</p>
STAGE 1: PLANNING
<p>What are the aims and objectives of the policy?</p> <p>What are the desired outcomes/ what constitutes ‘success’?</p>
<p><i>What constitutes success?</i></p> <p>The aim of the strategy is to deliver the vision. This provides a clear picture of the desired outcome for 2025.</p> <p>The vision is:</p> <p>We want to ensure that Wales is in the best possible position to realise its full energy efficiency potential and become a major exporter of energy efficiency technology and know-how.</p> <p>The strategy aims to increase the demand for energy efficiency measures, whilst ensuring that this demand can be met in the most efficient way. We have identified five key areas of action to ensure that the vision can be delivered. These are: Overcoming barriers; developing the supply chain; skills and education; innovation; and finance.</p>
<p>What policy options have been considered?</p> <p>and</p> <p>What impacts will there be if the policy is <i>not</i> implemented?</p>
<p>The following three options have been considered:</p> <p>Option 1: Do nothing. Action is already being taken and this could continue.</p> <p>Option 2: Legislate to enforce the installation of energy efficiency measures across households, businesses and the public sector.</p> <p>Option 3: The Welsh Government to develop an energy efficiency strategy providing direction and prioritising the areas of action needed to improve energy efficiency in Wales.</p> <p>Option 3 is the preferred option. We do not have the powers of regulation with regards to energy efficiency. The encouragement of energy efficiency may be a more effective and flexible means of achieving the vision.</p>
Does the programme demonstrate a clear link with the Welsh Government’s strategy for the Welsh language - laith fyw: laith byw?
<p>Whilst there are limited direct linkages with the ‘laith fyw: laith byw’ strategy, the</p>

energy efficiency strategy indirectly supports the strategy's main aims. The most relevant aim is the aspiration in the Energy Efficiency Strategy to develop Green Economy businesses/jobs in local communities across Wales. Creating good quality jobs in Welsh speaking areas is crucial to the future sustainability of those communities both economically and linguistically. The need to provide any information/advice services to citizens bilingually will also contribute to the wider provision of Welsh language services to citizens

What are the impacts/ effects (both positive and/or adverse) on the Welsh language you have identified at the initial planning stage

i.e. Welsh speakers, Welsh language communities, Welsh medium education, Welsh learners, services available in Welsh?

As noted above, there is potential for the business/jobs element of the Strategy to have a beneficial impact.

Who are the stakeholders? Are the needs of Welsh speakers and learners addressed? To what extent are Welsh language interest groups likely to respond positively to the proposals?

The main stakeholders include the public sector, private businesses, householders and community based organisations.

Some Welsh language interest groups such as the Mentrau Iaith may have an interest in the energy efficiency strategy with regard to the potential for creation of green jobs in Welsh-speaking areas.

Our energy efficiency strategy stakeholder list indicates the language preference of each stakeholder.

Where an assessment was not completed, or no impacts were identified, please provide a full account for record keeping purposes?

(This could be used in the Welsh Language Tribunal in future)

NA – identified impacts are outlined within this assessment.

What actions/ further work has been identified at the initial planning stage?

e.g. data requirements, need for peer review, external engagement with Welsh speaking groups, identify stakeholders or consultation list, need to contact Welsh Language Unit for advice)?

No specific actions have been identified at this stage. There will be an ongoing need to liaise with key stakeholders throughout the strategy development process.

The Welsh Language Unit will be copied in to all Ministerial Briefings and Submissions.

It will be necessary to consider actions that will be required through the Welsh Language Standards Statutory Obligations.

STAGE 2: IDENTIFYING AND ASSESSING IMPACTS

Impact Assessment Summary

Summarise the detailed impact assessment carried out together with the scores assigned.

Positive effects/ impacts:

As noted above, there is potential for the business/jobs element of the Strategy to have a beneficial impact.

Working alongside stakeholders throughout the strategy development process and implementation of actions will help ensure that the Welsh language is considered appropriately at all stages. This may include amendments and adjustments to the policy to help promote the use of the Welsh language where deemed necessary.

Adverse effects/ impacts:

None have been identified at this stage, but this will be considered throughout the strategy development process, with the aim of minimising any impact wherever possible.

Opportunities to promote the Welsh language e.g. status, use of Welsh language services, use of Welsh in everyday life, Welsh at work increased?

Opportunities to promote the Welsh language will be considered at an early stage of planning any action that we take forward to deliver on the strategy.

It will be necessary to consider actions that will be required through the Welsh Language Standards Statutory Obligations. For example, in any information/advice services provided to the public.

Evidence/ data used including demographic profile when considering the effects/ impacts:

What is the overall anticipated likely impact on the Welsh language if this policy is taken forward based on the impact assessment/ risk assessment?

Positive: ☒
Adverse: ☐
Neutral: ☐
Unknown: ☐

Decision following IA

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. No major change | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Adjust the policy to improve impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Continue the policy with mitigation measures | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Stop and remove the policy | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If answered 2,3, or 4 above – then answer the following:

How will you address these impacts in order to improve the outcomes for the Welsh language? Details of mitigation measures/ action points/ alternative options to reduce adverse impacts and increase positive outcomes:

If engaging or consulting, what are your plans? What questions do you wish to ask stakeholders about the Welsh Language Impact Assessment and Welsh language related issues?
<p>The draft energy efficiency strategy is to be consulted upon between June and September 2015. Bilingual versions of the draft strategy will be available.</p> <p>In addition to questions about each area of action is a question asking for views in relation to the associated impact assessments.</p>
STAGE 3: POST CONSULTATION AND PREPARING FOR PUBLICATION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION
Following consultation, what changes have you made to address any Welsh language issues that were raised?
How will you monitor the ongoing effects during the implementation of the policy?
Please outline how you will continue to capture effects/ impacts in future monitoring and evaluation?
Any other comments – ongoing results of evaluations, emerging impacts

4. Declaration

Policy lead:

****Please delete as appropriate:***

The policy **does / does not* have an impact upon the Welsh language. Where there were identified adverse impacts or missed opportunities, the appropriate amendments and actions have been put in place.

Name:

Lucy Thomas

Department:

Natural Resources

Date (s):

Last reviewed June 2015

Signature:

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Planned Review Dates:

To be kept under review throughout the development of the strategy, and periodically as implementation begins from 2016 onwards.

SRO ENDORSEMENT and REVIEW

I am satisfied that the WLIA is an accurate reflection of the energy efficiency strategy at this stage of development. By signing, I am able to confirm that the Welsh Language Standards have been given the appropriate attention. I will re-assess the strategy at key stages throughout the life of the strategy, including policy reviews.

Signed Gretel Leeb
(Senior Responsible Owner)

Date 16 June 2015

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