



BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE PLAN 2024-2030

Report by Chief Executive

PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the Report is to inform the Policy and Resources Committee of the new British Sign Language (BSL) Plan 2024-2030 Action Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 As per [Best-Value-Public-Performance-Reporting-2022-23](#), the new [BSL Plan 2024-2030](#) was approved on 15 February 2024. The Plan was made available to the public on the Comhairle's interim website on 28 March 2024 and included an [accessible](#) version and a BSL [video](#).
- 2.2 The Comhairle's second BSL Plan 2024-2030 sets out tasks to be undertaken over the period 2024-2030 and includes outstanding tasks from the previous Plan.
- 2.3 All tasks are now in Interplan to enable Heads of Service to monitor and report the performance progress for their respective areas of responsibility alongside their business plans, as per the BSL 2024-2030 Progress Report appended to the Report.
- 2.4 It is planned to report on progress bi-annually to Corporate Management Team, and annually to Policy and Resources Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Comhairle notes:
 - (a) the content of the Report, and
 - (b) the requirement for Heads of Service to monitor and report the performance progress of their respective areas of responsibility.

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| Appendix: | BSL Plan 2024-2030 Progress Report |
| Background Papers: | BSL (Scotland) Act 2015 |
| | BSL National Plan 2023-2029 |
| | Comhairle meeting minutes 15 February 2024 |

IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The following implications are applicable in terms of the Report.

| Resource Implications | Implications/None |
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| Financial | There are no financial implications associated with this Report. However, the development and implementation of the BSL Plan 2024-2030 required financial resources to support the costs of preparing the plan and translating both the draft and final plan into BSL. |
| Legal | Compliance with the British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 |
| Staffing | There are no staffing implications associated with this Report |
| Assets and Property | There are no asset and property implications associated with this Report |
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| Strategic Implications | Implications/None |
| Risk | There are no Risk Implications associated with this Report |
| Equalities | There are no identified equality issues within this Report. |
| Corporate Strategy | It is the Comhairle's Strategic Priority to support caring and resilient communities and quality of life. Strategic Outcomes in the Corporate Strategy 2024-2027 include reducing inequality and poverty and promoting social mobility. |
| Environmental Impact | There is no environmental impact associated with this Report. |
| Consultation | There is no consultation associated with this report. |