#### SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 2(2)

#### Policy making Standards

# PART 1

### THE STANDARDS

#### 1 Standards relating to considering the effects of a body's policy decisions on the Welsh language

Standard 42:	When you formulate a new policy, or review or revise an existing policy, you
	must consider what effects, if any (whether positive or adverse), the policy
	decision would have on—

- (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and
- (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.
- **Standard 43:** When you formulate a new policy, or review or revise an existing policy, you must consider how the policy could be formulated (or how an existing policy could be changed) so that the policy decision would have positive effects, or increased positive effects, on—
  - (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and
  - (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.
- **Standard 44:** When you formulate a new policy, or review or revise an existing policy, you must consider how the policy could be formulated (or how an existing policy could be changed) so that the policy decision would not have adverse effects, or so that it would have decreased adverse effects, on—
  - (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and
  - (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.
- **Standard 45:** When you publish a consultation document which relates to a policy decision, the document must consider, and seek views on, the effects (whether positive or adverse) that the policy decision under consideration would have on—
  - (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and
  - (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.
- **Standard 46:** When you publish a consultation document which relates to a policy decision the document must consider, and seek views on, how the policy under consideration could be formulated or revised so that it would have positive effects, or increased positive effects, on—
  - (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and
  - (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

# Standard 47: When you publish a consultation document which relates to a policy decision the document must consider, and seek views on, how the policy under consideration could be formulated or revised so that it would not have adverse effects, or so that it would have decreased adverse effects, on— (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and

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- (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.
- **Standard 48:** When you commission or undertake research that is intended to assist you to make a policy decision, you must ensure that the research considers what effects, if any (and whether positive or adverse), the policy decision under consideration would have on—
  - (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and
  - (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.
- **Standard 49:** When you commission or undertake research that is intended to assist you to make a policy decision, you must ensure that the research considers how the policy decision under consideration could be made so that it would have positive effects, or so that it would have increased positive effects, on—
  - (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and
  - (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

# **Standard 50:** When you commission or undertake research that is intended to assist you to make a policy decision, you must ensure that the research considers how the policy decision under consideration could be made so that it would not have adverse effects, or so that it would have decreased adverse effects, on—

- (a) opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and
- (b) treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

# PART 2

## INTERPRETING THE STANDARDS

2	<ul> <li>In Part 1 of this Schedule a "policy decision" means any decision made by a body about the exercise of its functions or about the conduct of its business or other undertaking, and it includes, amongst other things (and as appropriate to the body), decisions about— <ul> <li>(a) the content of legislation;</li> <li>(b) the exercise of statutory powers;</li> <li>(c) the content of policy statements;</li> <li>(ch) strategies or strategic plans;</li> <li>(d) internal structures and office locations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3	In Part 1 of this Schedule a reference to positive or adverse effects is a reference to such effects whether direct or indirect.