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1. Community Information

Powys Post-16 Education Review

The second phase of stakeholder engagement about the county council's review of post-16 education in the county and the process it has initiated to develop a long-term model that meets the needs of learners and is financially sustainable has begun.

Post-16 education in Powys faces several challenges, including a steady decline in sixth form numbers. This trend has financial implications, as Welsh Government funding is largely based on learner numbers, making it harder to maintain effective provision, especially in smaller schools.

Earlier this year, the council held engagement sessions with school staff and governors to share information about the pressures facing the sector and gather ideas and views about what post-16 education should look like. The second phase of engagement through the Autumn term will include learners and their parents, carers and families, and school governors. The engagement will be undertaken in partnership with consultancy Opinion Research Services (ORS).

This phase will include:

- An online questionnaire for parents and carers of secondary-aged learners and pupils attending secondary and post-16 education in Powys
- Focus groups with pupils and staff in all 13 secondary and all-age school sites
- Engagement with learners who have chosen college or out-of-county provision.

The questionnaire will be issued on behalf of the county council via secondary schools.

This phase will run throughout the autumn term, alongside continued engagement with headteachers, governors, the Regional Skills Partnership, and other education providers across Wales and beyond. The council is also working closely with partners to strengthen existing arrangements and ensure a collaborative approach to future provision.

The findings will inform the evaluation of long-term options for post-16 education. The engagement represents genuine and open intent to develop new options arising from discussion with stakeholders to consider alongside and with equal attention the three options already developed by officers.

The intelligence gathered from the engagement will inform the development of options for the Cabinet to consider and from which to select a preferred way forward. A further engagement period in the 2026 Summer term will follow the development of the options, to enable all stakeholders to comment on the options before the Cabinet considers them and makes its decision.

Any changes to post-16 education provision are not expected to be implemented before 2030.

A dedicated [page](#) on the county council's website provides a public information resource which includes Frequently Asked Questions and presentation slides from earlier engagement sessions, and will be updated as the process continues.

Indicative Timeline

Phase 2 Engagement (Learners, Parents/Carers, and Partners) – September–December 2025

Outcome of engagement and updated options appraisal – Spring Term 2026

Phase 3 Engagement (Public feedback on shortlisted options) – Summer Term 2026

Cabinet decision on preferred way forward – Autumn Term 2026

Implementation of any changes – No earlier than 2030

Visitor Accommodation levy in Powys

The Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy)(Wales) Bill was passed by the Senedd on 8th July 2025. It allows local authorities to introduce a discretionary overnight visitor levy. A paper setting out some detail about the levy, its potential advantages and disadvantages to the economy of Powys and to tourism businesses in Powys, and a range of options for consideration was brought to the county council's Cabinet for discussion with the council's Corporate Leadership Team on 29th July. The options suggested were as follows:

Option 1 – Do not implement the levy (noting that this could result in significantly reduced resource for the tourism service for infrastructure works, because the Brilliant Basics funding from Welsh Government for tourism infrastructure projects, which has amounted to £400,000 over a two-year period in Powys, is likely to be phased out after 2027).

Option 2 – Be minded not to implement the levy, but undertake an engagement exercise with the residents, businesses and tourism stakeholders of Powys to gather evidence and views on the decision.

Option 3 - Implement the levy and use the income to support general council services impacting on visitors, for example, street cleaning, public toilets, parking, waste and recycling services, rights of way maintenance and public transport.

Option 4 – Implement the levy and use the income for more tourism-specific infrastructure, visitor marketing, visitor information and site based interpretation, and tourism development projects.

The Cabinet's preference following the discussion was to follow option 2 – not to implement currently but to consult residents, communities and the tourism sector and its representatives in Powys to obtain their views and insights as to whether to decide to implement the levy or not – and it deferred making the decision to follow option 2 until the matter had been examined by the Economy, Residents and Communities Scrutiny Committee. The ERC committee considered the paper and materials on 4th September.

Concerns raised and discussed in both meetings included risks to the Powys rural economy which might be occasioned by deterring visitors, especially budget-conscious travellers and families, causing a reduction in overnight stays and an increase in day trips, and increasing costs for local businesses.

It was noted in both meetings that a detailed financial impact assessment would be required to inform the Cabinet's decision; that many hospitality and tourism businesses have struggled to rebuild capacity since Covid-19; that increases to Employer National Insurance Contributions and other rising business costs have added pressure to the tourism sector; and that the cost-of-living crisis was already affecting tourism behaviour.

Concern was also raised in discussions as to a potential risk of job losses or reduced income for local businesses. It was noted that circa one in seven jobs in Powys is linked to the tourism sector. The officers leading the work agreed that the potential for job losses and reduced spending in local businesses must be considered before any decision is made.

In addition, the Cabinet on 29th July considered other potential disadvantages associated with implementing the levy, including:

- **Administrative Burden:** Costs of consultation, implementation, and compliance monitoring may outweigh revenue, particularly in low density areas.
- **Rural Impact:** Powys's dispersed geography and reliance on small scale providers may make implementation more complex and less cost-effective.
- **Data Gaps:** Lack of comprehensive data on accommodation providers and overnight stays could hinder accurate forecasting and fair application.
- **Competitive Disadvantage:** If neighbouring authorities do not implement the levy, Powys may lose visitors to areas without the charge.

The discussion also ranged across Cabinet members' own personal and professional insights. These included our shared awareness of the burden and impact, already felt by numerous small holiday-let businesses, of the new occupancy rates introduced in 2023, including in our own wards. We also noted that unregistered providers may avoid the levy, and that this would create unfair competition, disadvantaging registered businesses which in Powys are often small-scale and already struggling under the range of pressures highlighted above.

Potential advantages of introducing the levy were also explored in depth by the Cabinet and Corporate Leadership Team. These included:

- **Revenue Generation:** A levy has the potential to raise significant funds to support tourism infrastructure, especially in high-traffic areas like the Brecon Beacons.
- **Sustainable Tourism:** Funds raised from a levy can be reinvested into maintaining footpaths, toilets, signage, nature reserves, and reducing environmental degradation.
- **Local Control:** Revenue raised from a visitor levy can be utilised by the county council to tailor tourism investment to local needs and priorities.
- **Fairness:** Visitors would contribute via the levy to the upkeep of the areas they visit, easing the burden on local taxpayers.
- **Alignment with National Policy:** Raising revenue from a visitor levy would support Welsh Government goals for sustainable tourism and local taxation.

The scrutiny committee recommended that the council proceed with option 2, to consult with residents and stakeholders. Consultees will comprise residents, communities, town and community councils, the Public Services Board, the National Park authority and tourism stakeholders, including tourism businesses across Powys and their representative bodies

The papers and material presented to the Scrutiny committee, and the minutes of the meeting, can be viewed on the Powys County Council website. The direct link to the page is [here](#). The pathway from the home page, Powys.gov.uk, is:

Homepage > My Council (top menu bar) > Calendar (left-hand menu bar) > 4th September 2025.

Empty property referral initiative ~ update

The county council seeks to bring long term empty properties back into use, to help address the housing emergency in the county and to contribute to a wider strategy to reduce housing shortage and improve neighbourhoods.

In 2024 it launched the Empty Property Referral Form, to enable residents to report long term empty homes in their communities, especially those causing damage or damp to neighbouring properties.

The online form has since led to dozens of investigations. 12 empty properties were brought back into use between April and July of this year, and more are expected in the coming months.

Latest figures show that 1,550 properties in Powys have been empty for more than 12 months. 887 of these are subject to a long-term empty premium.

The online form is available on the county council's website, [here](#).

The form is most easily reached without the link by searching 'Report an Empty Property' on the website's homepage.

All referrals are investigated using Council Tax and Land Registry data, and priority is given to cases where neighbouring homes are affected.

Consultation on new Farm Estate Policy

The county council is consulting on its draft new Farm Estate Policy. The consultation launched on 1st September and closes on 12th October.

The draft policy sets out the proposed strategic vision, management objectives and working practices for the council's rural estate.

The draft policy can be viewed and views contributed [here](#).

The draft policy has been tested and modified by the Farm Estate Advisory Group, which was established to advise the Cabinet on the operational framework for the council rural estate. The group will support the responsible Cabinet member, Cllr Jake Berriman, to consider the consultation responses and to ensure that the new policy approach works for tenants, the environment, communities, and the county council.

The policy aims to ensure that the estate supports the ambitions of the Corporate and Strategic Equality Plan, 'Stronger, Fairer, Greener', and the delivery of Sustainable Powys.

This will include the rationalisation of assets and the disposal of farm properties that represent liabilities, but also the retention of land wherever possible to support resilient local food networks. The policy aims to create a resilient, productive and inclusive rural estate that nurtures the land, supports communities, and contributes to the rural economy.

Brilliant Basics programme: funded Powys tourism projects

The county council secured £300,000, the maximum amount available, from the Welsh Government programme this Summer, to support 16 tourism projects across the county with 80% of their costs. The funded organisations hosting the projects provide the remaining 20%, thereby collectively investing £75,000.

The projects must all be completed by the end of March 2027.

- Glandŵr Cymru: Brecon Canal picnic areas –£23,600
- Talgarth Regeneration Group: Local signage, orientation and compostable toilet – £19,115
- Hay Town Council: Historic town QR code-linked guide, book bench, signage, town boards and flags –£7,680
- Cultivate: Powys Food Trails in Welshpool and Brecon –£6,937.60
- Rhayader Town Council: A new 3.5 mile Dragon Trail (local partnership project) – £34,400
- Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust: Re-purpose a wildlife hide and provide interpretation –£24,000
- Powys County Council Countryside Services: New walking routes in Llansilin, Carreghofa and Llanwrtyd Wells –£24,000
- Machynlleth Town Council: Solar panels on the public toilets, pay gates, benches, shower facility, chemical waste disposal and flower beds –£22,800
- Knighton Tourism Group: Signage and interpretation project – £21,316
- Friends of the Heart-of-Wales Line Trail: Re-route a section of the Heart-of-Wales Line Trail and provide offroad access –£18,502.94

- Elan Valley Trust: Install a section of boardwalk and a new footbridge –£17,280
- Llanfyllin Town Council: Llanfyllin Wetland access, including disabled access –£17,040
- Newtown Town Council: Newtown Castle Motte: clear site, redevelop it, and provide access and interpretation –16,000
- Presteigne Town Council: Went's Meadow access and accessible paths –£12,000
- Powys County Council Highways: New bins in key destinations –£8,000
- Knighton Woodland Tots: River bathing signal system –£1,552

Priority areas for this funding round included alleviating pressures at tourism hot spots, promoting environmentally sustainable destinations, enhancing accessibility, and improving the overall visitor experience.

Across Wales, the Welsh Government is investing £5 million over the next two years as part of its Brilliant Basics programme, in recognition of the pressure on local infrastructure in popular tourism destinations from increased visitor numbers.

Further information about tourism in Powys and support for the sector can be addressed to the council's tourism officer at: tourism@powys.gov.uk

Transforming Towns Placemaking Grants across Mid Wales

£4 million has been allocated by the Welsh Government programme to town centre regeneration projects across Powys and Ceredigion for the two years 2025-2027.

The funding is available for up to 70% of project costs, up to a maximum of £300,000 per application, for schemes which address priorities outlined in a town's placemaking or investment plan.

Placemaking Grants in the two counties are awarded by a Mid Wales regional board, but expressions of interest must be submitted to the county council in whose area the project is based. Grants can be delivered by the county council or by third parties such as town councils, partnerships, charities, voluntary organisations and private businesses.

The types of projects eligible for the support include developing underused, empty or run-down properties into businesses, housing, leisure facilities, commercial premises or community facilities; improving the appearance of properties and/or reshaping them to make them more viable; or improving existing premises by introducing services and connectivity, such as high speed broadband, which will attract businesses.

Since its launch in 2020, the Transforming Towns programme has awarded more than £314 million in grant and loan funding to support regeneration across Wales. Further information about Transforming Towns Placemaking Grants for 2025-2027 is available [here](#), for Powys, and [here](#), for Ceredigion.

Financial support from the county council and the NHS

The county council has used Low Income Family Tracker (LIFT), a data analytics software package, to identify households which it estimates might be eligible for free or reduced-cost childcare which they are not claiming. More than 1,000 Powys children aged four and under live in the identified households. The council has written to the households, setting out the funding support available and the support with applying for it that the council can provide.

The analytics suggest that 48 households with children aged three to four, 150 with children aged two, and 218 with children aged 18-months to two might be eligible but aren't claiming.

- Parents and guardians who live in a Flying Start area could be eligible for 12-and-a-half hours of free childcare per week, for two to three-year-olds, for 39 weeks per year. Parents and guardians can check their eligibility using their postcode, at: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/flyingstart>
- Working parents and guardians of children aged three to four could be eligible for up to 30 hours of free childcare and early education, for 48-weeks per year. They can check their eligibility at: <https://www.gov.wales/get-30-hours-childcare-3-and-4-year-olds>
- Parents and guardians with children aged 11 or under could be eligible for tax-free childcare worth up to £2,000 per year for each child, or up to £4,000 per year if a child is disabled. They can check their eligibility at: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

In addition, 331 Powys households might be eligible for NHS Healthy Start support, for 768 children.

The Healthy Start scheme helps with the cost of buying healthy food and milk for expectant mothers and children under four.

Further information about childcare support in Powys, and support to apply, is available from the Family Information Service:

Phone: 01874 612419

Email: powyschildcareteam@powys.gov.uk

Eligibility for Healthy Start support can be checked at: <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/>

To identify residents and families in low-income families who might be eligible for financial support, Powys County Council purchased one year of the LIFT software. In June it wrote to nearly 900 Powys households identified via the software. In September it wrote to a further 700 people, identified as potentially eligible for Personal Independence Payments.

Free and confidential general financial advice is available from the council for all residents.

For council tenants:

Phone: 01597 827464

Email: fsogroup@powys.gov.uk

Website: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/Financial-Support-Officers-Information>

For all other households:

Phone: 01597 826618

Email: wrteam@powys.gov.uk

Website: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/moneyadvice>

Partnership to increase social housing in Powys and Ceredigion

The Mid Wales Regional Housing Cabinet is comprised of Welsh Government and Powys and Ceredigion county councils. Its purpose is to increase and accelerate the build of social housing and address key challenges, including building costs.

The Regional Housing Cabinet is chaired by Jane Bryant, Minister for Housing and Local Government. It was hosted in September by Powys County Council and brought together councillors and officers from the two councils.

The meeting explored collaborative approaches to increasing the supply of affordable homes, streamlining the delivery of council housing, and addressing homelessness.

One of the key outcomes from the meeting was a commitment to look at how the cost of building social housing can be reduced. This project will be led by the Welsh Government with housing officers from Powys joining the project group.

Growing Mid Wales newsletter

The September newsletter includes updates on funding programmes, digital connectivity milestones, skills initiatives, and events.

The newsletter can be viewed [here](#).

Lay Person vacancy on Powys County Council Standards Committee

standards of members of the council and local town and community councils.

The county council's Standards Committee oversees standards of conduct of county councillors and town and community councils. It comprises nine members, four of whom are county councillors and five of whom are independent lay members. There is currently a vacancy for an independent member.

The committee advises on the Code of Conduct, hears complaints, considers potential breaches and has powers to conduct hearings into cases of misconduct and impose sanctions. A sub-committee composed of independent members deals with standards relating to the county's town and community councils.

Members receive a daily attendance fee of £105 for a half day or £210 for a full day, and travelling expenses.

No formal educational or professional qualifications are required. Applicants should be interested in upholding and promoting high standards, understand local issues, have sound judgement and have good communication skills.

The committee normally meets three or four times per year but can meet more often if needed.

Further information is available on the county council website, [here](#)

Or from the Clerk to the Standards Committee:

Phone: 01597 826206

Email: carol.johnson@powys.gov.uk

The deadline for applications is 7th November 2025.

New recruitment process for HGV vacancies

The county council has introduced an easier recruitment process recruitment to heavy goods vehicle driver positions.

The council is seeking qualified HGV drivers to join its waste and recycling teams, across Powys but predominantly in the north of the county.

Drivers will be required to drive a range of vehicles. Benefits include:

Good rates of pay

Opportunities for overtime

Local Government Pension Scheme

25 days holiday per year, increasing to 29 after 5 years

Access to a range of employee benefits, offers and discounts

Full training and Certificate of Professional Competence courses

Full uniform provided, including boots and PPE

Friendly and committed team

Working in a top performing service making Powys a leader in recycling

Good work/life balance

Applications can be made via the county council's website at:

www.powys.gov.uk/easyapply

Applications involve a small number of straightforward questions.

There is an option to upload a CV but a CV is not essential; applicants also have the option to enter further information about themselves into a field in the application form.

Applicants who meet the criteria will be invited to an informal interview.

Recruiting HGV drivers has been difficult for organisations and businesses across Powys for a number of years. The aim of the simplified form is to encourage applications and to enable swifter recruiting.

The county council is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment where everyone feels they belong and can thrive. The service actively welcomes applications from women, people from ethnically diverse communities, LGBTQ+ people, disabled people, and those from other underrepresented groups.

Applications can be made via the county council's website, [here](#).

Proposed new Welsh Medium through-age school in Mid Powys

Powys County Council has developed proposals to transform Ysgol Calon Cymru and Builth Wells C.P. School into an all-through Welsh Medium School, as part of its Transforming Education programme.

Under the Welsh Government's Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme, the schools will receive major upgrades. The Builth Wells campus will be remodelled to welcome younger children, with new spaces for early years and primary learning. The Llandrindod campus of Ysgol Calon Cymru will be rebuilt with brand-new buildings.

The proposals would be delivered in two phases:

Phase one (September 2027)

New Welsh-medium school

A new Welsh-medium all-age school (4-18) would be established on the current Builth campus of Ysgol Calon Cymru. This would mean that:

- All Welsh-medium pupils from Builth Wells C.P. School would transfer to the new Welsh-medium all-age school in September 2027 and Builth Wells C.P. School would no

longer have a Welsh stream.

- Welsh-medium provision for Years 7, 8 and 9 would also be available at the new school with pupils transferring from Ysgol Calon Cymru.

Initially, this new school would share the Builth campus with Ysgol Calon Cymru, with part of the building being remodelled to include accommodation suitable and safe for primary aged pupils. Pupils would continue to be able to join Ysgol Calon Cymru for English-medium provision on both the Builth Wells and Llandrindod campuses.

This would be a temporary arrangement until works to improve and extend Ysgol Calon Cymru's campus in Llandrindod Wells are completed.

Ysgol Calon Cymru would continue to have a Welsh-medium stream for Years 10 onwards but this would be phased out by September 2029.

Secondary-aged pupils wishing to have English-medium provision would continue to be able to access the Builth Wells campus of Ysgol Calon Cymru, until new facilities are available on the Llandrindod Wells campus.

Phase 2 (September 2029 at the earliest):

The facilities at the Llandrindod Wells campus would be improved and enhanced. Ysgol Calon Cymru would close its Builth Wells campus and operate solely from the Llandrindod campus. Free home-to-school transport would be provided for all eligible learners.

The new Welsh-medium all-age school would then take over the entire Builth Wells campus.

The council carried out a seven-week consultation between May and July 2025 and the findings of the consultation report will be considered by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 14th October.

The recommendation being considered by Cabinet is that the council should proceed with the proposals by publishing a Statutory Notice.

It is recognised that a comprehensive package of support will be required to support pupils' transition to the proposed new model and to minimise impact on the affected schools and pupils.

Should Cabinet decide to proceed, the Statutory Notice would be published after half term. There would then be a period of 28 days available within which people would be able to submit written objections to the proposal.

The proposals would see the first Welsh-medium all-age school established in central Powys. This would provide an improved Welsh-medium experience for learners. It would also enable

a broader curriculum for English-medium learners, because all learners would be on one campus, eliminating the need to duplicate English-medium provision across two sites, as is the current position.

Further information about Welsh-medium education in Powys is available at:

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/schools> and click on Welsh-medium education

The updated Strategy for Transforming Education 2020-2032 and details of the Transforming Education Programme - Wave 2 (2022 - 2027) are available [here](#).

Bluetongue virus confirmed in Powys

Three cases of Bluetongue disease have been confirmed in Powys.

Two are near Llangammarch Wells and the other is near Gladestry. Each is related to a single bovine animal. Movement restrictions have been imposed on the three premises. Currently no further control zones have been put in place.

On 1st October the Welsh Government implemented a new Bluetongue Virus Temporary Control Zone in Monmouthshire following another confirmed case of Bluetongue virus on a farm near Chepstow.

Powys County Council's Animal Health Team are urging livestock keepers to remain vigilant and report any suspected cases. Bluetongue is a notifiable animal disease and, if suspected, livestock keepers must report it immediately to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) on 0300 303 8268.

Bluetongue is caused by a virus that is primarily transmitted by certain species of biting midges. It affects ruminants - cattle, goats, sheep and deer- and camelids - alpacas and llamas. The virus can also be spread through germinal products (semen, ova, and embryos) and transmitted maternally from mother to unborn offspring.

Clinical signs can include fever, crusting and ulcers around the muzzle area, swollen head, salivating and lameness, reduced milk yield, abortions and malaise.

Bluetongue does not affect people or food safety.

The main control measures for Bluetongue are the implementation of control zones and movement restrictions of susceptible species within these zones.

Early detection and swift reporting are vital to help contain the spread of the disease and protect animal health across the county, and keepers of ruminants and camelids are urged to help minimise the potential spread of bluetongue by checking their animals and reporting any potential clinical signs.

All livestock must be registered with Rural Payments Wales (RPW) and the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA). This can be done online [here](#).

All land and buildings used to keep livestock, even short term lets, should be registered, so that the location of susceptible animals can be traced, to help control disease spread.

Animals on a bluetongue restricted premises and animals in certain disease control zones can only move with an appropriate licence

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) carries out surveillance to check for disease. This may include blood sampling on holdings with susceptible animals in high-risk areas and in disease control zones.

Three BTV-3 vaccines are available for use in England, Scotland and Wales, subject to licence. Two of these have been granted UK marketing authorisation by the Veterinary Medicines Directorate. Farmers are urged to consider vaccination of their susceptible livestock.

Further guidance on bluetongue can be found on the Welsh Government website, [here](#).

Annual 'Let's Talk: Living in Powys' Survey

The Let's Talk: Living in Powys survey asks residents to share their views and experiences of living in Powys; what matters most to them, their experiences in their local area, and their interactions with the county council.

The survey is being run on behalf of Powys County Council by Data Cymru.

The survey will be open until Sunday 30th November 2025.

The survey can be completed online [here](#).

Further information is available on the Powys consultation page, [here](#).

Paper and Easy Read copies of the survey are available to download and can be picked up from libraries. Completed forms can be returned to library staff, or scanned and emailed to: haveyoursay@powys.gov.uk

Further assistance, including with completing the forms, is available at:

Email: surveys@data.cymru

Phone: 029 2090 9500.

Contacting the county council

Set out below is a range of ways to contact the council, report faults or issues with council services, and make a complaint.

Opening a My Powys Account

A My Powys account can be used for a range of activity, including:

- Keeping a record of requests and reports made by the resident, and information obtained by the resident (such as school bus routes, as discussed above)
- Enabling the resident to view and track requests and reports
- Pre-filling forms submitted by the resident with the resident's address and contact information
- Expediting phone calls made by the resident by enabling the call handler to view and track the resident's requests and reports
- Enabling the council to send residents updates about their requests and reports

Residents can open a My Powys account [here](#).

The pathway is via the 'Log in/Register' function at the top right of the county council's homepage, [here](#).

All residents, with or without a My Powys account, can contact the council by any of the following means:

Contacting the county council online

- Use the online live Chat function on the website's Contact Us page, [here](#).

The pathway is via the 'Contact Us' function at the top right of the council's homepage.

- Identify the email address for the service required and contact the service direct (on the same Contact Us page, scroll down to the grid of different services at the base of the page)

Contacting the county council by phone

General Enquiries: 01597 827 460

Enquiries for a specific person whom the resident can name: 01597 826 000

Contacting the county council in person

Several transactions with the council can be undertaken at local libraries, Monday to Friday.

Library staff can signpost residents to the council services required and put them in touch with the appropriate council staff member/s for their enquiry.

Information about all Powys local libraries is available [here](#).

The pathway from the county council's [website](#) is:

Homepage > Services > Libraries (page 2 of the Services section).

Reporting an issue online

Residents can report a range of service-related issues directly via the council's website, [here](#).

Pathway: From the county council's [homepage](#), scroll to the first row of options below the search bar. 'Report' is second on the left. The function enables the uploading of photographs, also.

Complaining and commenting about a service online

Residents can submit complaints and comments about any council service directly via the 'Contact Us' page of the county council's website, [here](#).

Scroll down to the grid of options at the base of the page. The complaints and comments function is the first option in the second row in the grid. There is a separate function (second grid on the second row) specifically for complaints and comments about Social Services.

Complaining formally in this way ensures that the complaint is logged and can be tracked by the resident making the complaint.

The direct link to the general complaints page is [here](#).

All of the functions outlined above can be performed via a resident's My Powys account, and 'as a guest' for anyone without an account.

2. Council Information

Cabinet and Full Council meetings

Cabinet, Full Council and Scrutiny Committee meetings are all open to the public and are live-streamed and recorded for public view. The links to the live-streaming and the webcasts, the Minutes, and all documents discussed, are available on the PCC website.

The pathway to access the material for all Cabinet, Full Council and Committee meetings is:

PCC homepage > My Council (top menu bar)

From the My Council page, all public meetings can be accessed from the left-hand menu, via **Calendar** or via **Meetings**.

Public participation at Full Council meetings

Members of the public are invited to submit questions to Full Council. Questions are submitted and responded to in writing in advance of the meeting. Questioners are able to submit one supplementary question each and also to attend Full Council to ask their supplementary

questions. They are not required to give advance notice either of their intention to ask a supplementary question or of the question itself.

Further information about public participation at council meetings is available [here](#).

It can be reached via the following pathway:

Powys home page > Contact Us (top right) > Consultations (bottom left) > Get Involved (bottom right) > Document Public Participation (bottom right)

Cabinet met on 19th August and 23rd September

The meeting on **19th August** focused solely on a proposal to consult residents on the new Farm Estate Policy.

The papers, minutes and livestream link are available on the corporate calendar page via the usual pathway, as follows:

Homepage > My Council (top menu bar) > Calendar (side menu bar) > 19th August/23rd September.

A direct link to the page is [here](#).

Items discussed on **23rd September** included:

- A report about the county council's performance in Quarter 1 against its objectives as set out in the Corporate and Strategic Equality Plan, Stronger, Fairer, Greener.
- A report about the council's Treasury management in Q.1
- An independent report on Children's Services, and its recommendations
- The council's financial and capital outturn forecasts for the year ending March 2026
- The annual report 2025 of the Regional Partnership Board

The papers, minutes and livestream link are available on the calendar page via the pathway outlined above. A direct link to the calendar page is [here](#).

Full Council met on 9th October.

Public participation at Full Council meetings

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Items discussed by full council on 9th October included:

- A public question regarding upgrading the standard of housing in Ystradgynlais.
- The Visitor Accommodation Register and Levy outlined in this report.
- Amendments to the Constitution and other legal and administrative matters

Four motions were moved, for the county council to resolve to:

- Challenge misinformation about asylum, immigration and other matters affecting social cohesion (resolved)
- Call of Welsh Government to address issues on the A470 (resolved)
- Call on Welsh Government to pause its invitation to submit applications for Developments of National Significance, with respect to new wind farms (resolved)
- Call on the Wales Pension Partnership and the Powys Pension Fund to review its investments with a view to divesting from investments in companies listed by the UN as complicit in or enabling breaches of humanitarian law in the Occupied Palestinian Territories by the State of Israel (resolved)

The agenda, associated papers and webcast of the meeting are available on the corporate calendar page via the usual pathway, as follows:

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