CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Matthew Dorrance

Can the Cabinet Member inform Members of the future plans for Brecon's Market Arcade and Market Hall?

As with many of the Council's properties, the Brecon Market Arcade and Market Hall would benefit from capital investment to improve its appearance. However, the Council has many priorities for its capital, not least the provision of improvements to schools in Powys, and unfortunately, the Market Arcade and Hall are not priorities for our limited resources at this time. Members will be aware that the LABV is a county-wide initiative but will commence operation in Brecon. While it is true that its impact will not be felt for several years yet, it is hoped that once this is fully operational it will consider the development potential of the Market Arcade and Hall site.

In the interim our budgets do not enable renovation, which could be subsumed by future development, or even full maintenance of the building.