

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
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REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Dai Davies, Portfolio Holder for Finance

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Wynne Jones

Could the Portfolio Holder please explain to Council, the political direction and strategy that he has set, for the period through to 2020, for the budget setting and management, and the long term financial stability of the Council?

The report to Cabinet on 21st October outlines the approach we are taking to meet the significant challenge presented by the estimated £70 million saving requirement. In summary this will involve longer term planning and an approach that looks at major areas of activity, sharing services where appropriate with partners and reducing the size of our property estate. It is inevitable these changes will have a significant effect on the type and level of service we provide. As part of this process we will continue to challenge whether we are the most appropriate provider of services as part of the commissioning council approach to service provision.