

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**County Council  
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**REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Arwel Jones, Portfolio Holder for  
Education and Children's Services**

**SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Joy Shearer**

**Can the Portfolio Holder explain to Council why PCC have failed in their duty of care to comply with Fire Authority recommendations for work to be carried out at Ysgol Rhiw-Bechan Primary School?**

May I start by apologising to Councillor Shearer and the School Community for delays in taking action on issues raised by the Fire Authority.

To confirm that this school has had (and continues to have) a fully functioning operable fire alarm system throughout. The fire officer's additional recommendation to link the adjacent community centre during school occupation, necessitates the replacement of the two existing functioning systems, into one integrated unit. This involves a financial commitment from both PCC and the community council committee. This has contributed to the time taken to fully resolve this issue.

Officers from Property and Schools Service have in the last 2 months agreed a Schedule of Works with the acting Headteacher and Governors of the school to address the issues raised in the report.

The agreed works are expected to be completed during the forthcoming half term.