

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Gary Price**

**Following the announcement that the Tour of Britain won't feature in Powys in 2015 can the Portfolio Holder tell Council what discussions have taken place pre and post the announcement?**

In 2013 all local authorities in Wales were invited to express interest in involvement in The Tour of Britain Cycle Race. A letter was sent by Powys County Council expressing such an interest, following on from hosting successful stage starts from 2010 onwards.

At the end of 2013 a five year strategic plan was put together by the Welsh Government's Major Events Unit, in conjunction with Sweetspot, Tour of Britain organisers, outlining which areas in Wales would be involved in The Tour between 2014 and 2018.

This plan included a stage start for Powys in 2014. From the outset it was always in the plan that there would only be one stage in Wales in 2015 and this would be in North Wales, with The Tour having a more northern focus in general, and was not anything that Powys County Council could influence.