

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
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REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Barry Thomas, Leader

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Aled Davies

Does the Leader have full confidence in Sbectrwm and their methodology as they continue to conduct a consultation into the delivery of education in schools of North Powys?

Sbectrwm were appointed to undertake a fact finding in respect of Welsh medium and secondary education. The work requires a specific understanding and knowledge of Welsh-medium education and fluency in the Welsh Language. Sbectrwm Consultancy have a consistent track record of delivering projects focused on Welsh-medium education and the Welsh language, and have a deep understanding of the subject matter.

The aim is for the report to come to the Cabinet in the autumn, however, this will be dependent on the recommendations within the report, and compliance with the School Transformation Policy process. I cannot be seen to predetermining the outcome of the fact finding and won't be providing any further comment until the report comes before Cabinet. I will await receipt of their report.