

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council
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REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Barry Thomas, Leader

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Gwilym Williams

At the last Full Council meeting I asked the leader how many consultants were employed by Powys and how much they cost, this was provided by the leader.

My supplementary question was how many agencies, are employed by Powys and how much they cost, this information was promised by the leader that it would be sent to me, after several requests to date the date of this letter [8th April, 2015] I have not received a response.

Therefore I would like to ask my supplementary question from the previous full Council. How many agencies are employed and how much they cost Powys County Council?

Below is a breakdown of costs incurred through the engagement of agency staff employed for the financial year 2014/15

Summary of Agency costs for the financial year 2014/15

	TOTAL
Adult Social Care	£304,137.70
Childrens Services	£407,780.48
Housing	£166,693.28
Professional Services	£ 62,673.48
Business Services	£ 13,671.33
Change & Governance	£ 26,298.47
Highway,s Transport & Recycling	£179,097.67
Regeneration, Property & Commissioning	£113,950.00
Leisure & Recreation	£ 13,668.09
Total	£1,287,970.50

As agency staff are not directly employed by the Council, it does not have a statutory responsibility to report on the number of agency staff engaged as it needs to for staff

who it directly employs and pays via the payroll system. Furthermore, the responsibility for the engagement of agency staff is devolved to the service area and there is consequently no central record of numbers of agency staff engaged that can be easily interrogated. The information requested may only be established through a detailed review of invoices relating to agency expenditure. This work is underway and I will endeavour to provide a verbal update at the Council meeting.