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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Response by the Portfolio Holder:

The control of Japanese Knotweed and other invasive weeds is considered important, and therefore it is planned to continue this service as in previous years.

The preferred method of reporting issues with Invasive weeds on Powys County Council land is via the Council public website. There is a specific page for invasive weeds with links to National Resources Wales and Royal Horticultural Society for further guidance, and a link to the appropriate online reporting form. Confirmed reports are added to our register, which also provides details of all the sites we are currently aware of and treating as part of an ongoing programme.

Our current method of treatment for Japanese knotweed is to apply Glyphosate on 2 or 3 occasions between May and October, it is non-selective so will kill all other vegetation, but importantly it is approved for use near watercourses and is translocated to the roots. The glyphosate treatment is applied using a knapsack or injected directly into the stems by injector gun. Repeated treatments may be required in following years until the knotweed has been totally eradicated.

The council does not offer a service to control invasive weeds growing on private land, but we aim to work with neighbouring landowners to control Japanese Knotweed where it also occurs on our adjoining land.