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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Question From:	County Councillor Jackie Charlton
Subject:	Climate Emergency costs
Question To:	County Councillor James Evans Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Housing and Regulatory Services

Question:

Can the Portfolio Holder please outline for me the associated costs alluded to you and other council members on 30 July 2020 in respect of the Climate Emergency and Local Electricity Bill Motion? The five areas covered by the motion are outlined below for you to address and comment on. Next to each one here is my comment which was carefully considered before the Motion was delivered.

1. Join with other councils across Wales in declaring a Climate Emergency **(No cost)**
2. Support the implementation of Prosperity for All: A Low Carbon Wales (March 2019) to make Powys County Council a net zero carbon local authority by 2030. **(Strategic statement already agreed by Welsh Government in 2019 and could realise substantial savings)**
3. Assign Roles within the cabinet to lead on Climate Change mitigation and to actively engage with all members and stakeholders by: A. setting up a cross-party working group and, B. establishing a Powys-wide multi-stakeholder group, to develop a baseline picture @2020 and bring forward a strategy and action plan @2021 for a truly sustainable Powys. **(No cost working group already established, stakeholders are all volunteers and bring with them a wealth of expertise, quasi lead role in cabinet but no cost should this be changed.)**
4. Support our MPs to ensure the Local Electricity Bill succeeds in an Adjournment Debate to encourage and enable the local supply of electricity and facilitate more resilient Powys communities. **(No cost but could bring in substantial economic benefits to the Powys population)**
5. Ask Welsh and UK Governments to provide the necessary support and resources to enable effective carbon reductions and transition to a green Powys economy. **(No cost already agreed by Welsh Government, as suggested at the meeting on 30 July 2020)**