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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Question From:	County Councillor Jackie Charlton
Subject:	Default 20mph speed limit in residential areas
Question To:	County Councillor Heulwen Hulme Portfolio Holder for Environment

Question:

In September Cllr Stephen Hayes put a motion to Council to:

... vote to introduce a default 20mph speed limit in residential areas from 2023. Recognising that Powys contains a number of small towns of exceptional historic interest where the speed of traffic adversely affects the safety and enjoyment of residents and visitors, Council agrees to:

- 1. Work collaboratively with communities which wish to assess the potential benefit of, and if appropriate institute, a 20mph speed limit in their town centre area*
- 1. Take full advantage of the opportunities offered in Circular 24/2009, to improve the safety of vulnerable road users and consider the impact of traffic speed limits on communities*
- 2. Demonstrate and evidence proper regard to the needs of road users other than those in motor vehicles (for example, those on foot, on horseback and cyclists) and those with impaired mobility or sensory deprivation when designing and implementing new traffic orders.*

Since the motion was agreed both Cllr Hayes and I have received correspondence from several residents in Powys asking us to support the area they live in to reduce the speed in line with the motion. We have responded to all the letters.

Cllr Hayes and I understand that you as Portfolio Holder agree with this Welsh Government initiative and would ask what progress has been made in offering Powys as a location for pilot schemes, and given the focus of the motion on our smaller historic communities, what is the timescale for opening constructive discussion with those communities keen to progress schemes?