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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO HEADS OF SERVICE

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| Question From: | County Councillor Matthew Dorrance |
| Subject: | Electoral registrations |
| Question To: | Head of Legal and Democratic Services |

Question:

I emailed the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on the 28th October 2020 with a series of questions following a paper he tabled to a meeting of this Council's group leaders.

Despite following this up and raising with the Chief Executive I have still not received a reply.

Therefore, will the Head of Legal and Democratic Services now answer those questions which were:

1. Has Powys CC analysed the last annual household canvass and compared the results on a ward by ward basis to the previous year's canvass?
2. Has Powys CC analysed the results of the last annual canvass to see which areas have high numbers of people moving in and out of the area, and used that analysis to drive the pattern of your voter registration activities?
3. Does Powys CC maintain a database of electors who have confirmed their electoral registration details via the "No Change" method, and will it be using this database to ensure people who have been previously registered but haven't been re-registered are contacted?
4. In addition to your Council Tax, Housing Tenancy and Benefits databases, are there any additional databases that Powys CC is using to match elector data for electoral registration purposes? If not, are there additional databases that Powys CC could be using for this purpose?
5. Does Powys CC have a strategy for communicating with ethnic minority communities, and in particular those who don't use English as a first language? Are there translated versions of electoral registration leaflets and forms available for these residents?
6. What is Powys CCs communication strategy for encouraging residents to register to vote?
7. Does Powys CC prompt local residents with electoral registration reminders at other points of contact with the council, such as when residents apply for Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit or any other council service?
8. Does Powys CC have a specific strategy for residents in the private rented sector and residents in houses of multiple occupation? Are local private sector landlords being liaised with to ensure electoral registration information is included in tenancy packs and other communications they have with their tenants?

9. Are council officers present at citizenship ceremonies to encourage newly eligible electors to register to vote straight away?
10. Will officers from Powys CC be visiting schools and colleges in the area to encourage over 16s to register to vote and over 14s to register as attainers (people who will soon turn 16) on the electoral register?