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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Question From:	County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe
Subject:	Second homes and strategy on housing for Powys residents
Question To:	County Councillor Aled Davies, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Transport and County Councillor Iain McIntosh Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Planning & Housing

Question:

I read with interest the BBC article on Welsh Governments plans for second homes. I have previously raised questions around the number of second homes in Hay and on reading this I feel residents of Powys need more information.

We are seeing our communities hit by the increasing in house prices and low income of the area. This is just not detrimental to our young families who are being forced out of Hay but also it is hitting our main street due to homes being left empty for most of the year or being used as Air B&Bs who in some cases bring all their goods with them from off when visiting thus not putting money into the Powys economy. Whist as a council we supported the tax increase on second homes 2 years ago have the council seen any improvement in reduction of second homes. There is a balance that our town need so tourism can flourish but if the balance is wrong either way it can hit the community.

Can the council provide an update on the number of second homes in Powys by area and registered Air B&Bs?

Can the council provide the strategy for housing that keep families in our community?

Will the portfolio holder be willing to meet myself and local representatives to discuss how we can work together to get the best for our community and ensure we have housing that supports our community needs?

And finally, would the portfolio holder release a statement on the council's strategy on housing for Powys residents?

Here is the link to the article [Second homes in Wales: Pilot scheme planned to tackle 'crisis' - BBC News](#)