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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Question From:	County Councillor Iain McIntosh
Subject:	Education [follow up]
Question To:	County Councillor Phyl Davies
	Portfolio Holder for Education and Property

Question:

"I'd like to thanks the portfolio holder for education, Cllr Phyl Davies, for his response to my question of 19th January 2022 here <u>Agenda item - Question from: County Councillor Iain McIntosh Subject: Education Cyngor Sir Powys County Council (moderngov.co.uk).</u>

Within his response he states; "Decisions are made by the Cabinet following consideration of the evidence presented and advice given by officers who have spent careers managing the learning and well-being of children and young people." He also posted a link to the Brecon programme business case here - Microsoft Word - Appendix A - Brecon Catchment PBC (moderngov.co.uk), where at 3.4 (page 39), an entry mentions;

Option 4C – New Build Sennybridge, new build Brecon primary school, new build Cradoc

Option 4D - Close both Sennybridge and Cradoc, build new school on alternative site, new build Brecon primary school

However, within the listed appraisals, on page 43, a number of advantages and disadvantages are listed for;

Option 4C - Close both Sennybridge and Cradoc, build new school on alternative site, new build Brecon primary school.

This is the <u>wrong</u> option entry; Option 4C **should** read as **New Build Sennybridge, new build Brecon primary school, new build Cradoc.** No consideration has therefore been given to this option. Also, within the list of appraisals, there is no option 4D.

The **only** options considered to include a new school build in Cradoc, include either closing, or totally rebuilding Sennybridge primary school.

No consideration has been given to; **Keep Sennybridge school as it is** (with some small upgrades if needed), **build a new school to replace both Mount Street Schools in Brecon, and build a new school in Cradoc.** Therefore not all options have been considered.

Can the portfolio holder and Cabinet members now please reconsider the proposal to close Cradoc Primary School, and properly evaluate the above proposal to build a new school in Cradoc, as proposed by myself, school governors, teachers, residents, grandparents, parents and children within the Yscir community, both throughout the whole consultation period and post 14th December, when a decision was made to close Cradoc School?

Can the portfolio holder also please confirm why, as pointed out in my previous question, I was told 'Look, you're not going to get a new school in Cradoc.' by council officers, if as stated in his latest response, decisions are made by the Cabinet."