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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Question From:	County Councillor Jackie Charlton
Subject:	Climate Emergency Specialist Support
Question To:	County Councillor Myfanwy Alexander Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Welsh Language

Question:

The Climate Emergency is now well established in the council Vision and expectation of achieving Net Zero by 2030 is a real goal and ambition of the Council.

To achieve these outcomes a local (Powys) strategy has been consulted on with over 170 responses, some of those detailed and accepted as key findings. The strategy was received with a lot of positive responses especially in view of the urgency of the matter. Together with a strategy for nature recovery in line with a 'third' approach of dealing with the climate emergency alongside the ecological emergency it is crucial to have in place expertise and drive to move forward by 2030 to meet the target of net zero.

I understand we have an officer in place who is dealing with biodiversity and the 'Nature Recovery Strategy', one element of the ecological emergency but no officer in place for the climate emergency, a massive undertaking.

Are you able to confirm that this will be remedied as a matter of urgency to address the need to move forward on the Powys Red Kite Climate Vision Strategy and implement actions approved as part of this strategy to work with the Stakeholder group of which 36% of respondents of the Red Kite consultation highlighted that they would be interested in joining. Using local expertise and experience in buildings, mobility and transport, procurement, land, and governance will be a crucial factor in making net zero an outcome rather than just a goal.