

QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Question From:	County Councillor Amanda Jenner
Subject:	Highways Drain Jetters
Question To:	County Councillor Heulwen Hulme
	Portfolio Holder for Environment

Question:

I am concerned about the council's resources for keeping drains regularly maintained and clear, particularly in North Powys. During the recent storms, properties in my ward were flooded and although the conditions were extreme, many feel that the state of the drains exacerbated the problems.

Please can you provide an overview of North Powys' drain jetter resources and yearly work programme? How many jetters are in North Powys and what is the yearly programme of work which they undertake? Has the Authority had more jetters in the past? If so, what happened to them and when were they disposed?

Will there be any Government grants in respect of the recent storm damage? If so, could such funding be used to invest in more resource or equipment in order to regularly and routinely maintain the drains?

Finally, can you confirm that those areas which have experienced recent flooding, where there are drain/culvert issues which have been raised with the authority, will be prioritised for drain/culvert works?