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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Question From:	County Councillor Jake Berriman
Subject:	Guardianship of Public Open Space
Question To:	County Councillor Rachel Powell Portfolio Holder for Young People and Culture

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The Local Development plan 2011-2026, adopted in 2018, sets out very clearly at DM1 that planning obligations will be sought only where necessary to ensure adequate provision for essential facilities such as public open space for play to serve planning proposals and that satisfactory maintenance arrangements will be put in place to safeguard them to an appropriate safe standard for ongoing use by the Community. Powys' predecessor Development Plan had similar policies. Policy DM3 clarifies that open space (or off site contributions) will be sought in respect of all new housing developments, the type and nature of which being determined by deficiencies identified in an Open Spaces Assessment.

With this in mind, could I be advised in respect of Llandrindod North Ward:

1. How many areas of public open space, equipped or otherwise, were transferred across to Powys County Council from the preceding Radnorshire District Council?
2. How many have subsequently been secured through the above policy provisions with satisfactory maintenance arrangements put in place?
3. How much has been secured in off site contributions through Section 106 Contributions, and how much remains available to be spent?
4. How many have been lost, either in whole or in part, so that the equipment or site itself are no longer available for use by the public as originally envisaged?
5. Please identify the reasons for the removal of equipment and or loss of public open space, given the requirement to secure long term maintenance for the original "essential" purpose, and what public discussion you think would be appropriate when such negative impacts arise or are considered? and
6. What are the currently identified Open Spaces Assessment deficiencies, given these losses?