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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Question From:	County Councillor Karl Lewis
Subject:	Communal Cardboard and Glass recycling bins
Question To:	County Councillor Jackie Charlton Cabinet Member for a Greener Powys

Question:

With the ongoing staffing issues Powys County Council are experiencing with refuse collections would it not be wise to call for a temporary halt in removing Communal cardboard and glass recycling bins from community areas. Christmas is just around the corner and households typically have more cardboard and glass to recycle than in any other periods. Winter is typically a time of increased staffing pressures from illness coupled with the chances of winter storms where staff may be prioritised elsewhere which would add to the ongoing issues with missed collections. It would be very disappointing if Powys residents had to resort to burning good cardboard over the festive period as they had no easy way of disposing of it.

As we all know Powys County Council has a statutory recycling rate of 64% and has exceeded that rate to 66.7%. With the nearest HWRC being Newtown, that is a 30+ mile round trip for some of my residents. I would urge the portfolio holder to hold off removing the communal cardboard bin in Llandinam and other areas of Powys and reinstate the glass communal bin in Llandinam until staffing issues are under control.