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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Question From:	County Councillor Karl Lewis
Subject:	Powys farm estate sales and Llandinam School house
Question To:	County Councillor James Gibson-Watt, Cabinet Member for an Open and Transparent Powys and County Councillor Jake Berriman, Cabinet Member for a Connected Powys

Question:

With the recent concerning news that a number of Powys County Council farms have been put up for sale in the Caersws area could the portfolio holder answer the following questions please

1. How many Powys County Council farms does Powys have in total and how many of these have been identified for possible sale?
2. Over what period of time will these identified Powys farms be sold off?
3. When a Powys County farm is sold, will every penny from that sale be reinvested into the remaining Powys County Farm holding stock – farm houses and buildings?
4. How many farms will see land amalgamated with other Powys County farms and the farmhouses sold off?
5. What measures has the portfolio holder put in place for the wellbeing of the tenants of the Powys County Farms who will be affected by these sales? As we know we have some of the very best farmers in the UK who choose to farm on Powys County Farms. Some of these farmers will lose their homes and their livelihoods. So they will become homeless and unemployed at the same time, bearing in mind farming is all many of these tenants have known.
6. How much notice will Powys County Council give their tenants that the farm they rent is up for sale?
7. If a tenant of a Powys County Farm receives additional land from an amalgamation process of a neighbouring Powys County Farm, would that tenant have to retender as their farm would be bigger so should be more productive?
8. As there are Powys County farms identified for sale, can I ask are there plans to sell other property in Powys County Council control such as houses, workshops and garages?
9. What are the plans for the School house at Ysgol Llandinam as it was promised to Ysgol Llandinam for the school to use, but as yet no work has commenced on the property?