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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Question From:	County Councillor William Powell
Subject:	Greening the School Estate
Question To:	County Councillor Pete Roberts Cabinet Member for a Learning Powys

Question:

Following the renewed corporate commitment of Powys County Council under the Progressive Partnership to meaningful action to address the climate emergency, there is understandably an expectation amongst the public of early progress. With this in mind, and given :

- the alarming pressure on School Governing Bodies' budgets from escalating energy costs;
- the recent report by the City of London Corporation, seeking to limit unnecessary lighting on their estate, beyond the needs of security;
- the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority's Decade of Darkness initiative, as part of their Dark Skies designation breconbeacons.org/stargazing

What steps are being undertaken to enable individual Headteachers, School Governing Bodies working with local eco committees of learners to bear down upon unnecessary and wasteful lighting within the PCC education estate out of hours, as well as targeting light pollution?

What support is in place to enable the carrying out of energy audits by individual schools or clusters of schools, as well as harnessing of local energy generation opportunities, via retro-fitting of solar PV on roof elevations, where permitted, or partnering with existing energy generating infra-structure?