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Arolwg Cyllideb Cyngor Sir Powys

Powys County Council Budget Survey

This report contains the findings from the Budget survey conducted from 22nd November 2021 to 19th December 2021.

The survey was advertised to stakeholders via external communications channels including press, email, and regular social media posts and internally to staff.

There were 493 respondents in total.

Please note: Not all questions were answered by all respondents.

Background

The Council has faced unprecedented challenges over the last 20 months due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has dominated our activities and that of the county's communities. We want to hear the opinions of residents, businesses, and other stakeholders, as part of the budget setting process so that we can support our communities, where needed, in the coming financial year.

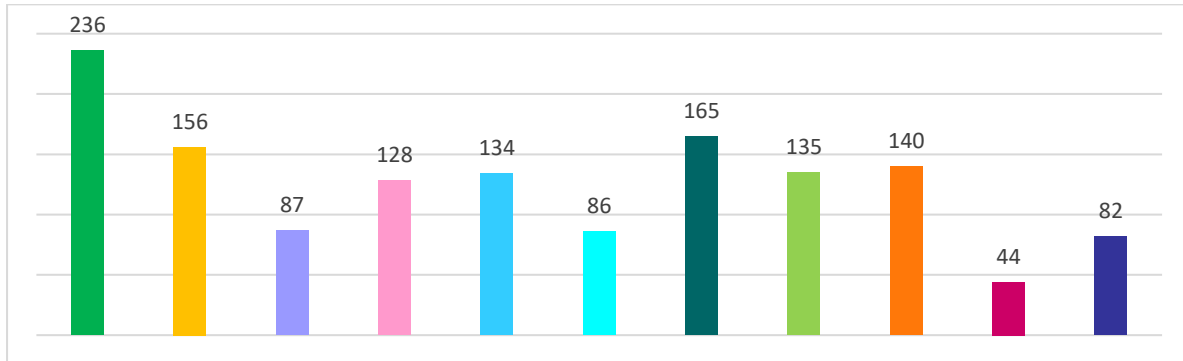
As we continue to focus on post Covid-19 recovery, balancing the limited funding against growing demand for our services, using resources effectively to deliver the best outcomes for local people, and achieving the Councils key priorities, this is your opportunity to provide us with your views and insights on our funding priorities, Council Tax levels and recovery plan. Our aim is to align our communities' visions and expectations with those of the Council and Councillors, making Powys a fantastic place in which to live, learn, work and play.

Our budget survey happens every year and allows us to understand what our residents, businesses and communities feel is important and should be prioritised in the coming years.

Through this engagement exercise stakeholders were also able to find out more about the services we provide, and how they are funded through a short animation: <https://youtu.be/30gBsIPy5R0>

Post-Covid Priorities

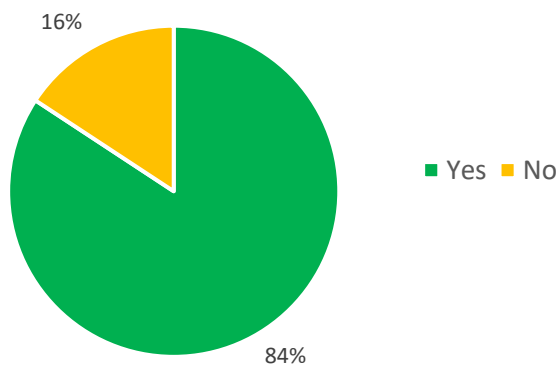
Q1. As we emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic, which of the following priorities do you think we should focus our budget on? (Please select a maximum of three options)



- Improving health and care for our local communities
- Supporting the older and vulnerable people
- Supporting people to live active, healthy lives
- Prioritising mental health
- Making more good quality homes available for our residents
- Supporting young people - Upskilling (for example - Digitally) which will lead to sustained employment
- Supporting the local economy to recover from the pandemic
- Creating opportunities for employment within our communities
- Education
- Supporting cultural services and tourism
- Developing and maintaining our open spaces

Q2. The pandemic has shown us new ways of working, with many services being delivered digitally and via homeworking. Do you think we should continue to push forward with new modern ways of delivering council services, not only cutting costs but cutting carbon omissions too?

Yes	412
No	77



Q3. Are there any other changes to council services that you would like to remain permanent or be developed? Please tell us the name of the service and the change you would like to see:

Stop second home and holiday home/AirBNB ownership across Wales - it is destroying local communities and will deprive us of services in the medium to long-term.
Further development of the councils leisure centre offering, physical activity is great for overall health and well-being and reducing pressure on healthcare services
Having council employees just respond would be a start
That more Welsh speakers to take on point of contact services eg Council Tax.
need to empty the street litter bins more often they are always overflowing
Public libraries as information and digital support hubs, open and accessible for long hours
Tesco and coop are recycling flimsy plastic please can powys start to collect and do the same. Also the bin timetable doesn't read for my postcode and with a collection once every three weeks this is really difficult as someone with impaired executive function. I need to be able to look it up online!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offer tax discount for those that don't use public transport or other services and also for those on greener energy source etc. Tax is very expensive and takes significant part of the wage - Live and let live (whether vaccinated or not) - promote living wages - Introduce vending machines with drinks snacks, and things like hand sanitizers - more self service points across towns and villages - Thank you for looking into it
Make them all work from home
The council tax is a ridiculous amount of money every month to be paid with not much in return
<p>I like the idea that care services are provided within communities and not day centres.</p> <p>I would like to see more kerbside recycling - eg fabric items that can't be reused, all plastics including soft plastics</p> <p>Don't grit dry roads - gullies could be emptied and roadside edges swept to keep water off road surfaces</p>
Refuse service could do with supervising properly, once the recycling people have been round there is a vast amount of rubbish left on the roads!
I don't want to see services added. Council tax is already far too high. ALL incomes are under pressure at the moment (and have been for years) inflation is about to rise rapidly and we as a population do not have the ability to demand extra income unlike the council which has the legal position of issuing a demand which then becomes a debt on a population that mostly does not have the ability to pay.
There is a vital need in all public sector service provision to abandon centralised command and control and embrace delegation to those delivering services.
Less councillors less tax
Go back to face to face meetings in the housing services . Tenant participation is not through a screen .
I'd love for you to actually fix the back roads please instead of just filling them with temporary fillers that get worn away a month later
<p>General.</p> <p>Employment on ability not face fits as is currently used.</p> <p>Review and appraise all levels staff annually. Help under performers (more than is aparent) but prepare to replace as necessary. Empower the good ones.</p>
Council Tax reduced majorly
Yes get rid of the highly paid fat cats
Free garden rubbish collection Not eco friendly to drive into potters
Cheaper car parking for workers

More services and information online is very helpful
Council meetings should stay online but councillors wages cut accordingly
why pay council highways employees full wages for sitting in vehicles doing nothing and working very little not all but the bad ones need to be weeded out
I feel we have poor value for money
More support for mental health. More support for older people Needing care (such as day centres)
More investment in schools especially opportunities fir children to get out of schools on trips to get life lessons
I don't know
Household rubbish bins collected once every 4 weeks
I would like to see Pavements cleared of debris on a regular basis in order for Mobility Scooter Users & Pedestrians to use safely.
Council tax costs are crazy, need to be reduced.
Look at the structure with in the council far to many cheifs not enough indians!
Don't bump up the cost too much it's a struggle as it is
Paying council support workers more money out in the community in all weather's
Tenancy related Floating support
3 choices are a bit limiting. It might help to group the choices by Statuary obligations and "the rest".
Less services
Free childcare from age 2
ASSIST for adults services
Cut the number of high paid workers and use the money saved and put it towards the day centres for the elderly.
As far as possible an individual we can talk to who can make decisions
I would like to see more services accessible online
Online meetings which will save on excessive travel to County Hall
Social services especially children's services it's clear it's been poorly managed with the increasing costs & overspend of budget
start saving money-it's so easy to spend taxpayers money on things that are not totally essential! It might be nice and beneficial to some - but are they essential?
More transparency within the Council Services, Councillors being more involved, public being more involved through consultations about their own areas. Eg. COUNCIL & Public come up with a series of ideas for their locality. Committees set up of cross section of public, community council, county council, decide on a few feasible projects, then consultations to allow public to decide what is important to their area. Not like BIDS & Projects that have just had funding..... Theatre Brycheiniog etc..... That's just gaining funding to prop off Powys' own business!!!
Reduce the number of people employed by the council to save money. Start by contracting out highways maintenance and ask does this person add value if the answer is maybe or no get rid of them. If the council was as efficient as the private sector it would employ fewer people or deliver significantly better services
Improve recycling centres - queues much too long, meaning that people are put off from recycling
Homeworking doesn't always cut carbon.
online everything please
Flexible home working with help towards costs of home working, i.e, heating, electricity, etc
More support services for children and families, family centres and early intervention, more playground facilities and play opportunities for children in the Ystradgynlais area

schools, education are rubbish, lazy teacher did nothing last year, yet get a pay rise. primary and highs schools poor quality standards, not pushing kids to develop, no activities for them. gwernyfed finishd at 3 pm, what are kids going to do for the next 2 hours.
NA
Home working makes alot of sense for most, especially team meetings and such like. Pushing more admin onto the customer and online could help minimise pressure on staff. More localised service delivery too e.g. town councils stepping up or using local contactors more and things like community asset transfers for public open spaces and community buildings makes alot of sense to decentralise and reduce travelling for officers and operatives. The flexibility of redeployment and sharing staff is good too, bit more variety for people stuck in the same role for decades and sharing resoruces more, its really broken down the silos and shown that the public sector can deliver rapidly when pushed and red tape is removed.
Mental health is low due to Pandemic in young people especially. I think they should bring back Music Service
Housing - make more housing available
i would like to see powys work closer with voluntary groups who do alot of work and save powys alot of money by supporting people in the community so they dont need powys services example Mid Powys Mind groups like this should have more help and funding from powys as they take and look after alot of social care needs not met by care packages or the hazels
paying council tax online continued
Switch streetlights back on, roads should be fixed, a policy of only considering closing a school if the numbers fall below 40.
All the items in question 1 are important. I hope that by asking for a selection of only 3, you will not neglect the areas which don't get many 'votes'.
A recycling centre close to me. Our nearest one is an hour's drive away and that is neither useful nor ecologically friendly. If we cannot have a recycling center nearby, then I would like the council to collect bulky waste items for free. The current system invites fly-tipping or forces people to drive long distances just to go to the tip, which will do nothing to reduce CO2 levels. In addition, having to pay for bulky waste collection feels like a tax on people like me who do not drive.
More accountability for failures.
More investment in youth services
Road safety is a huge issue on our road as it is hazardous to locals and vulnerable home owners due to the speed of traffic dangerously racing along our narrow lane, as a short cut to the A40.
Sensible rules regarding who can use the School Bus services and better road maintenance (I've now had 2 broken springs on my car in the last 2 years).
Hardship grants very good. Support for pensioners and others on benefits to afford high council taxes.
None
More efforts to maintain health services
More online access
keep the possibility of attending meetings via a video link. reduces transport environmental damage and allows people to be involved.
Continue being able to see or speak to a real person and not make it difficult to access help if required.
Certainly being aware of your carbon footprint and waste management.
A lot of cuts are happening within society and a lot of people have worked from home and have had less expenses and so have saved money perhaps people within the council do not need such a big pay rise as usual
Improve services not change for the sake of it
No comments
Refuge collection

Affordable rental housing
I would like question 2 to be about emissions not omissions!
Employment for young people and more opportunities.
The abolishment of the Planning department as it is not fit for purpose
Support libraries and extend opening hours Support or create children's and family centres Support or create youth clubs, train and employ youth workers Support and develop community centres as community hubs for both services and leisure
Would like to see more extensive recycling facilities available. We should be aiming to recycle anything and everything that can be recycled. The amount of materials such as metals and electronic goods that are currently going to landfill from households is appalling.
Cutting the number of highly paid Directors etc
Improve public bus service provision
Social services doing their jobs properly.
Keep up your communication by these questionnaires. Well done.
Biodiversity and climate change. The Strategy is all words we want to see actual action
Recycling services to remain permanent.
Considerable improvement in road maintenance, particular minor roads, and drainage maintenance which is currently woefully inadequate
Community Engagement
Where possible colocate services (eg libraries) in buildings already used by the public such as supermarkets, one stop shop council access
Ways for engagement with cultural, leisure and tourism organisations to communicate what Powys has in an aligned approach. Find ways for organisations to be active all year round no just in the peak season. We need to sell and celebrate our beautiful blue and green spaces.
Footpath protection and development - service has seriously deteriorated
I would like to see council meetings continue to be online and staff where possible work from home.
Question 2 is a loaded question! Modern ways of delivering services should not preclude being able to meet or talk with somebody face to face.
Current refuse collection every 3 weeks unsuitable for holiday businesses
I would like to see greater financial support for the local community councils so that they can deliver some much needed services in times not only of emergencies. They are best positioned to understand the needs of their individual communities - something that is often lost on the wider County Council. During the various lockdowns there was a considerable amount of community adhesion and support - much of which was based on individuals volunteering their time, resources and energies. This was perhaps one of the positive things of the pandemic. A little bit of financial support to these local volunteers would go a long way to make their efforts more sustainable. Building communities is what Powys Council ought to be putting at the head of their agenda.
Highway Maintenance
More recycling facilities at Parish level. Local bus services are under-used; most elderly people do not use the service and if they did then they should pay something. Medical prescriptions should be charged for; free medicines only encourage wastefulness. Public lavatories should be retained, not closed Street lighting in rural areas should be reduced Community Councils do very little of value and seem to be unnesaary
Better energy choices
More buses and reliable update facility!! Currently if a bus is late or cancelled it just drops off the electronic timetable and you're stood waiting like a wally and often stranded and then you have to

<p>get a taxi or go back to work and lose your evening waiting for the next bus. Its unacceptable, especially when you're disabled and reliant on these services and despite complaints to my Councillor and the bus company and the senedd nothing is being done. We also need more buses not just every few hours between built and Llandrindod and later in the evening as non-drivers deserve access to cultural facilities the same way drivers do.</p>
<p>Really consider Council charges for older people -Why can't there be a discount for people who pay by Direct debit. At least the council can rely on that payment coming in regularly -even though our pension rises each year it is immediately taken by rising council tax rises.</p>
<p>All departments to remove all senior managerial consultants</p>
<p>We have not emerged from the covid pandemic</p>
<p>NHS Dental Services. In mid Powys these are virtually non-existent. We travel to Hereford for ours. We lived previously in Galloway, which was the same, and the Health Board there set up its own dental practices and employed salaried dentists under the State. We need something similar.</p> <p>Transport. I've put a great deal of thought into this. You recognise the importance of an effective and frequent public transport network, both local trains and buses. However in rural areas there are not many customers providing fares to support the service. If we were to accept the loss implied by removing fares the cost of service provision would not therefore be all that heavily impacted, but the usage of the service would, I suggest, be massively increased. We would then have a truly useful public service, used by many, for very little more than the current cost of one which is little-used. Think road traffic, think pollution, think true service.</p> <p>Small rural towns like Llandrindod (where we live) have car parks to encourage off-street parking, but charge for them with the result that they are little-used. We need to encourage people from outlying rural areas to visit our towns. We need to keep them free of cluttering parking. Let's make the car parks free to use.</p> <p>The life of small Towns is enriched by regular street markets. Let's have a strategy for encouraging and developing them.</p> <p>Let us embrace the digital age by developing an internet news board on which events can be advertised, items offered for sale and services advertised. I would suggest it should be FoC, but if necessary a small fee can be charged to use.</p>
<p>Not sure of what services have been implemented since the pandemic</p>
<p>Highways - Gearing up to provide a lot more electric vehicle charging points and zero emission vehicles for the Council vehicle fleet</p>
<p>Libraries</p>
<p>Recycling soft plastics from home collection.</p> <p>Creating easy access and interesting open spaces in order to assist in supporting people, especially young people, mental health issues</p>
<p>Continue to develop recycling services.</p>
<p>Greater support for services that support climate change - eg, investment in electric car charging points</p>
<p>With regard to the way you have to contact the council for larger problems.</p> <p>I understand that it maybe cheaper to use digital interfaces for communication with PCC, but from what I've noticed while talking to community members a little human contact goes a long way. Simple chat with helpful people is very beneficial to both the sides.</p>
<p>Refuse collection: on bin day, where possible, all households could bring their bins to one location (ie, top of cul de sac) meaning the collection lorry only had to stop / start once. This could save large amounts of fuel and emissions over 12 months by eliminating manoeuvres in streets.</p>
<p>Children's services - more preventative work family centres</p>
<p>You are running a very poor social services at the moment and would like to see that improve immensely</p>
<p>We need an A&E for the health service</p>

Please don't isolate people who have chosen to or can't use the internet. Modern ways are fine if you know how to use them.
I think you should have less bosses and more workers! I also think there should be more money put into all schools not just the Welsh stream. Village schools are vital and need the support.
Provide day care centres again for elderly/ dementia- supporting and combatting loneliness
Some services such as progress approvals for building inspector services or approving minor details, drainage, etc and indeed other services that had necessitated a visit pre pandemic have been discovered to be perfectly ok using emailed pictures, streamed video etc saving hours of travel time and delays. For all services the question is 'can this be done just as well using electronic media?' Very often it can at much lower cost.
people being redeployed from things that the public don't find of any value to things that they do.
Lower taxes for individuals
Re question 2. Learn to spell!
car park should be free no bus service in rural areas you go to town park up find out you have no change go and get some come back to a ticket
Consider waste in all respects, not just recycling but within services generally.
N/A
Environmental services
online meetings first
Education- not closing schools and planning super schools which are culturally inappropriate.
Children Services
Resources in the county need urgent support particularly in the care sector. Reablement needs more staff in order to provide more frontline, short intervention services. There needs to be more domiciliary care and micro-enterprises as there is currently a significant lack of resources which significantly impacts on being able to support the older and more vulnerable citizens of Powys.
The opportunity to visit the Council Offices for help and assistance should remain.
Better communication with residents
I've just had dealings with what I suspect are PCC departments working from home. Not impressed by the service I received.
Making the area more attractive, more welcoming to encourage tourism
better maintenance of PRoWs
Remote working as a fixed but flexible option for Social Service staff. Develop the recycling centre in Brecon to house a facility to sell good quality items so that they don't end up in land fill. Just like the recycling centre in Ystradgynlais.
The council should re evaluate the school transport system. As it currently stands, many children are driven to school and back from the rural areas. This while the bus on the route to school is not entirely full. In light of the question 2, surely cutting the community's cost of living and carbon omissions would be factors in the school transport future plans?
Public transport should be improved
Question 2 has obvious bias and trying to lead respondents by the nose to choose 'yes' - which I believe is clear evidence that the council does not listen to people. This needs to change. We need more social housing in Powys for young families so they are not pushed out of the area as well as more job opportunities so they have reasons to stay. While tourism can bring in money, supporting local business that provide goods and services should be more beneficial as they will not be as seasonal - so we should try to make mid Wales more attractive to businesses.
HR and Payroll could be outsourced.
We would like the County Council to talk more to the Town and Community Councils and take more account of our thoughts in how the county council could improve the overall delivery of services at a lower cost. We have several examples in our community area where the County Council has spent significant sums in the last two years replacing the surface of minor roads, it is our view that if the

council had been more proactive in the previous years through the provision of more regular patching then the outcome could of been achieved at a lower cost.
Cut recycling down to fortnightly collections.
We should see the changes that have been necessarily imposed by COVID as opportunities and push to make Powys a more digital place. There will be no doubt some objections from the elderly, these objections should not stop or slow the process but provision to support those residents should be provided as there will be those that struggle with digital services whatever.
do away with some of those with non jobs and focus on those that deliver something tangible for the residents who dont care whether you have a strategy for this that and the other
We are very impressed with the services council provides.
A lot more effort into getting affordable homes for our young people in county. Lower or severely penalise second homes and the ever increasing holiday lets resulting in many homes remaining empty six or month's of the year. My children cannot start on the property ladder, even with deposits ready as they are being gazumped by developers / holiday home folk
Council Officers should be based at a work place, home working results in poor productivity and lack of opportunities to learn on the job
There are still areas that could be slimmed down
More available PHONE NUMBERS to the Council !!!!
services being out and available in the community eg- in community hubs/libraries
More dentists
Road maintenance
I would like the council to take an interest in our environment, by taking care of drainage, verges etc. in Guilsfield many of the drains have been blocked by vegetation which causes issues during periods of flooding. I would also like the council to take an interest in reducing speeding in villages especially near schools.
I think that the benches that have been put onto the streets like in Crickhowell have been a great idea. I would like to see older people helped with things like on line grocery shopping and with other on line services which can be daunting for them.
Permanent
The "on-line" meetings such as "POWYS CC and Town & Community Councils Meeting" & Powys CHC Executive Committee Meeting provide an insight into the matters under discussion and allows "outsiders" to ask questions and understand reasons behind decisions.
Pot holes to be fixed properly not patched by cowboys
During the pandemic I have attempted to contact officers across Planning, Licensing and Environmental Health. It was s my view with home working you have lost accountability. The service that has stood up well is the local Library. Many people need face to face services in our rural communities. The small charity of which I am a trustee stayed open throughout the lockdown doing jobs the Council should have done.
I would like to see a Powys Care Service rather than contracted out domiciliary care. I would like to see more healthy activities for young people.
Planning, make it easier and quicker to arrive at a conclusion and to sort out the Phosphate issue ASAP.
NA
Repair of roads
Digital or On line services are all well and good for those who can access them or have the confidence to do so but face to face options must remain for those members of the community not able to access digital services
Stop wasting money, some projects such as roads cost huge amounts of money. Surely it's possible to do this for less

For school transport to be accessible for all rather than the select few
I would like to see a much more positive attitude to the environment eg leaving wild flowers to grow on roadside verges.
Improving the Broad Band coverage within Powys
I would like PCC to look at the impact of tourism on public services and am keen that the council increases revenue from this industry. For example charging holiday lets and holiday homes full council tax - as they are using public services fully. It's unfair that residents have to foot the bill. Equally, there are opportunities for PCC to increase revenue into the public purse from tourists, for example, increasing parking fees, but offering locals free permits for parking. At the moment the balance seems to benefit the tourist more than the resident. Residents need to see more evidence of public funding supporting them.
Social isolation has become a bigger issue during the pandemic, the Council should focus its services on the founding and funding of community network groups with special attention given to lone home dwellers in rural areas who have become increasingly isolated. Efforts should be made to ensure council staff in service provision and public protection are based in their local communities where they are better placed to offer support
Council tax - make sure this is within a persons ability to pay - not the size of property. Small business start-ups should not be subject to the same rates as multi nationals or chains.
With reference to Q2, council services need to be accessible to all - not everyone has access to or can use services delivered wholly digitally. Similarly if home working by council employees is going to be encouraged they need to be able to access internal resources so that the location of the employee is "invisible" to the users.
Countryside services budget needs to be augmented. At present PCC is failing to meet its statutory duty to maintain rights of way due to insufficient staff and budget
Road drainage needs to be maintained by keeping roadside drains cleared on a regular basis to eliminate surface water on roads and flooding.
planning-officers could be more diligent in ensuring that planning permission is given in accordance with PCC's own policies such as para 4.6.7 of the LDP-for example making sure that applications for 9 houses and another 9 houses immediately next door by the same applicant are treated as one application-and the implications for an 18 house development [such as contributing to infrastructure such as recreation space or a village car park] are insisted upon
I am not aware of any change in services
I suggest if home working continues that you use the many half empty buildings to increase the range of accommodation.
I would like every officer where possible to have the opportunity each day to choose to work from home or work from the office
3 year education admissions go back to having the settings in charge rather than powys admissions. This year has been a shambles and many settings find it very difficult. The system wasn't broken before!
Please develop a plan to open an eatery where all unused food from supermarkets can be given to the community or sold at a cost to main the space where food is being collected.
Disability services in North Powys.
We need to abolish "the Board" system of decision making, it has proven to be undemocratic and unfair.
re establish Publishing all public comments on planning applications on-line
Help and support with getting good internet access especially for remote areas
Don't know. I only use the recycling, refuse collection and the roads. there is a big pot hole that's not been addressed properly.
Reduce the number of councillors and officers so that the wage bill is significantly reduced

I would like essential maintenance tasks to be undertaken. I have been trying for over 3 years to get blocked drains cleared and to get the road bridge over the stream by our house enlarged to reduce the high water levels which now occur during heavy rainstorms, but to no avail. It is pointless to have a system for reporting such issues and then totally ignoring the problems. The system you operate for outside council responsibilities is very poorly managed and grossly inefficient. The people working in these areas need to have targets set for time to complete the activities and monitoring of quality standards. At the beginning of 2021 road potholes were supposed to be repaired. The people performing this task should be given a lifetime achievement award for the time it took them. Most of the time they were either in their cabs or propping up their shovels talking to each other. The so called 'repaired' roads still have many potholes and those that have been addressed are now like speed humps. The asphalt around these repairs have not been sealed and will crumble again this winter due to rain and frost. The roadsides are not swept and so drains which can potentially work are unable to.

The service is so poor that I should be receiving a council tax rebate because, other than refuse collection, nothing is done. I consider that we pay excessively for what little service we receive. All drain clearance that has been performed has been by myself on a regular basis to try to safeguard our property. I am 70 years of age and should not have to be doing tasks which are your responsibility. I am contracted to you to pay Council tax and you are contracted to me to provide maintenance and remedial services. At present this is a one way system and you are in breach of contract.

home maintenance, at the moment you can't get repairs done

Extending the sustainability agenda across all services

A much more efficient service required. Stop wasting our money. A maximum salary of thirty thousand per annum for any employee and maximum five thousand expenses and allowances for any councillor

Better and quicker methods of repairing potholes

Free car parking in town centres, this would help to rejuvenate local businesses in town centres, people would visit more often

Administration - Communication and physical contact point with Community. As more Powys CC staff work from home, the Council must maintain and advertise effective physical contact points with the Community - e.g. in the offices in Brecon etc.

I'd like to see a shake up of the council tax banding where properties are allocated the correct banding according to their latest sold price recorded on the land registry website. Instead of simply adding a blanket percentage each year, figure out which properties are underpaying- some of them for decades!

Focus on projects/services that will generate wealth/income/jobs rather than spend money on services that absorb money with no financial returns.

Concentrate on basics please.

Stop messing around with schools making some all Welsh speaking so Powys kids have to go over the border to England to get a proper education.

It would be good to have libraries be open and have events there again

It is vital that we retain in person schooling and seek to reduce the overreach of the technology sector into the lives of our younger generation. The success of experiential learning is demonstrable in forest school programmes such as the highly successful Messy Mondays run at Rhayader Primary School for the Welsh stream pupils.

Allowing technology companies to harvest data from our young people through the continued use of online learning tools does not amount to educational "equity" and cannot serve their hopes and imaginations as in person, experiential learning can.

Affordable home for people who want to stay local and not move into the area

More recycling facilities for green waste

<p>Please continue to support Library Services. Please amend (Q 2. above) "carbon omissions" to "carbon emissions"</p>
<p>The state of many country lanes are in a very poor condition, upgrade as resources permit. Tourism is essential, link up and renovate the canal system up to Newtown.</p>
<p>Better links between Council and local community activities - we, not us and them</p>
<p>Definitely continue to encourage home working and to hold meetings virtually. Could be improved by provision of local hubs in communities - community spaces that allow people to work remote from their office, but providing space and other services for people that do not have enough space for an office at home.</p>
<p>Carry out policies to counteract climate Change e.g. ensuring all new build homes are fully equipped with solar panels, ground source heat pumps etc. and look at ways of introducing these and similar systems to existing buildings</p>
<p>Develop social clubs for vulnerable/lonely persons</p>
<p>Sensory services - this needs retaining and development. Support for carers. Support for disabled people.</p>
<p>More active policing of illegal off-road motor bikers who are doing extensive damage to wildlife, terrain and environment.</p>
<p>I would like to see communications to both councils/residents improved. I am Chair of Carreghofa CC which is a small council and tends to be "lost" against the larger Councils. We have an older population so publication of decisions may require greater clarification/"deeper" explanation.</p>
<p>Powys should seek to reduce climate emissions and promote use of low carbon materials in construction.</p>
<p>Better maintenance of public footpaths to support outdoor activities which contribute to mental and physical health</p>
<p>Re the above - more modern ways of delivering services are a good thing as long as this does not mean job losses and poorer quality of service if everything is electronic and you can never speak to an actual person.</p>
<p>If only you can speak to someone that would be a bonus, also don't phone in the school time ie 9-9;45 or 2;45 to 4 pm as it's impossible [it would be fantastic if they would get back to you when they say, [awaiting a call back since March 2021 !!!</p>
<p>Less spraying of herbicide on verges and green areas. This is damaging to biodiversity and often unnecessary.</p>
<p>More focus on climate change</p>
<p>Community gardening and growing, support for community projects that support well being.</p>
<p>Long term highway repair. Filling potholes in correctly by digging out square and not just chucking tarmac in the pothole. Long term it lasts longer</p>
<p>Cynnal mwy o bwyllgorau ac ati drwy gyfrwng cyfarfodydd rhithiol (cyfrifiadurol) ar y rhyngwyd.</p>
<p>Cyflogi fwy o fobol sydd yn gallu'r Gymraeg. I bob afran y Cyngor I aros o fewn eu gwariant . I beidio fod yn dibynnol ar godi y treth cyngor i dalu am gor war isn't.</p>

Vision 2025

Vision 2025: “By 2025 Powys will be widely recognised as a fantastic place in which to live, learn, work and play”

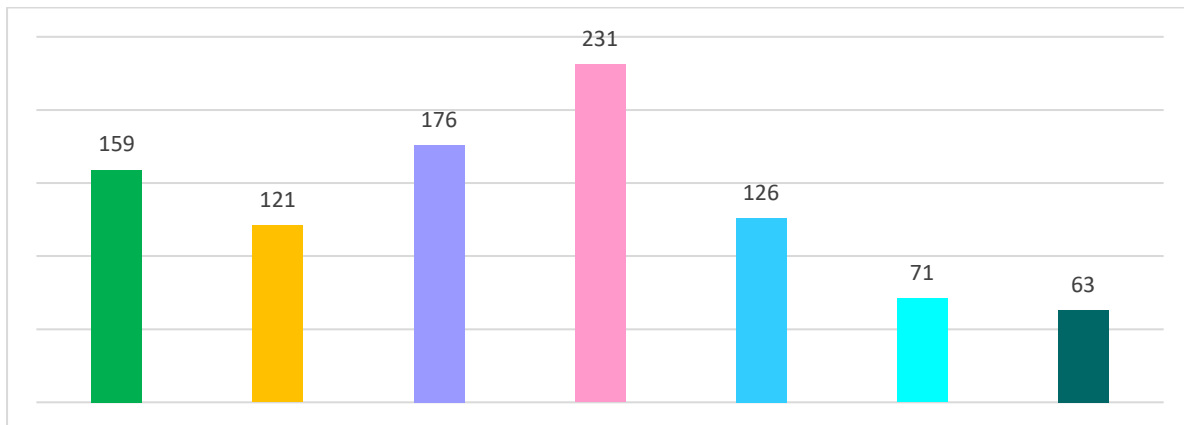
Our Corporate Improvement Plan sets out our vision for the future of Powys and includes four well-being objectives to help make our vision a reality, This plan helps us set the outcomes we aim to achieve, and how we will deliver these through activities planned to meet our objectives.

The four well-being objectives are:

- Economy: we will develop a vibrant **economy**
- Health and Care: we will lead the way in providing effective integrated **health and care** in a rural environment
- Learning and skills: we will strengthen **learning and skills**
- Residents and communities: we will support **residents and communities**

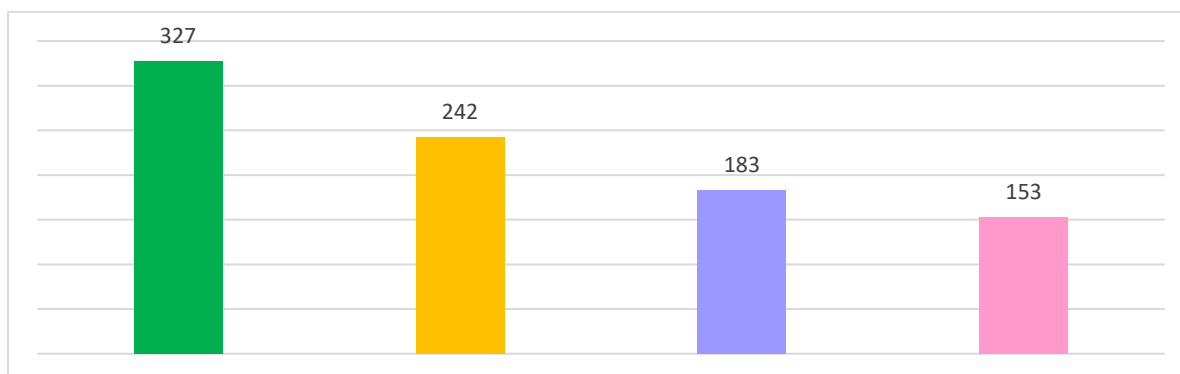
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Q4. As part of our Vision 2025 under ‘Economy: we will develop a vibrant economy’, we have the following objectives. Which do you think the council should focus on? (Please tick a maximum of two options)



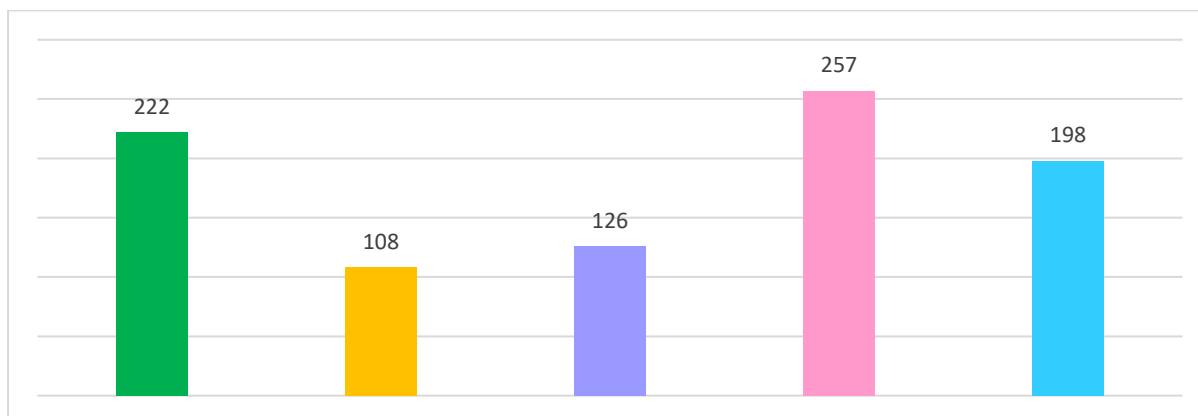
- Provide support for businesses to grow
- Promote Powys as a place to live, visit and do business
- Improve the availability of affordable and sustainable housing
- Improve our infrastructure to support regeneration and attract investment
- Improve skills and support people to get good quality jobs
- By 2024 we will enable people with a disability to have improved opportunities for valued occupation including paid employment
- Creating equality of opportunity for all our staff and take action to close the pay gap

Q5. As part of our Vision 2025 under ‘Health and care: We will lead the way in providing effective, integrated health and care in a rural environment’, we have the following objectives. Which do you think the council should focus on? (Please tick a maximum of two options)



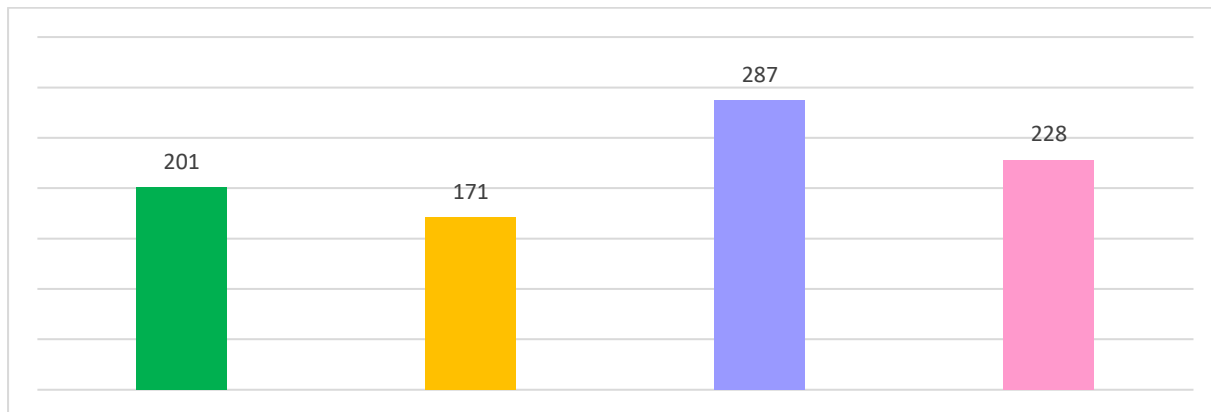
- Ensure that Powys children and young people are safe, healthy, resilient, learning, fulfilled and have their voices heard, valued and acted on
- Ensure that Powys adults are safe, resilient, fulfilled and have their voices heard, valued and acted on
- By 2024, we will improve the availability of accessible homes, adaptable homes, and life-time homes, that provide suitable and sustainable accommodation for future generations
- By 2024, we will help people to get the support they need to prevent homelessness

Q6. As part of Vision 2025 under ‘Learning and skills: We will strengthen learning and skills’, we have the following objectives. Which do you think the council should focus on? (Please tick a maximum of two options)



- Improving educational attainment of all pupils
- Improving the evaluation, planning and coordination of provision for learners with special educational needs and other pupils who may require extra support
- Improving our schools' infrastructure
- Improving the skills and employability of young people and adults
- Improving opportunities and outcomes for children living in poverty

Q7. As part of Vision 2025 under ‘Residents and Communities: We will support our residents and communities’, we have the following objectives. Which do you think the council should focus on? (Please tick a maximum of two options)



- Strengthening community development and resilience
- Strengthening our relationship with residents and communities
- Safeguarding and enhancing the natural environment for residents and communities
- Improving opportunities for our residents and communities to become more digitally inclusive, enabling them to easily access the services they need and participate fully in everyday life

Spending Plans

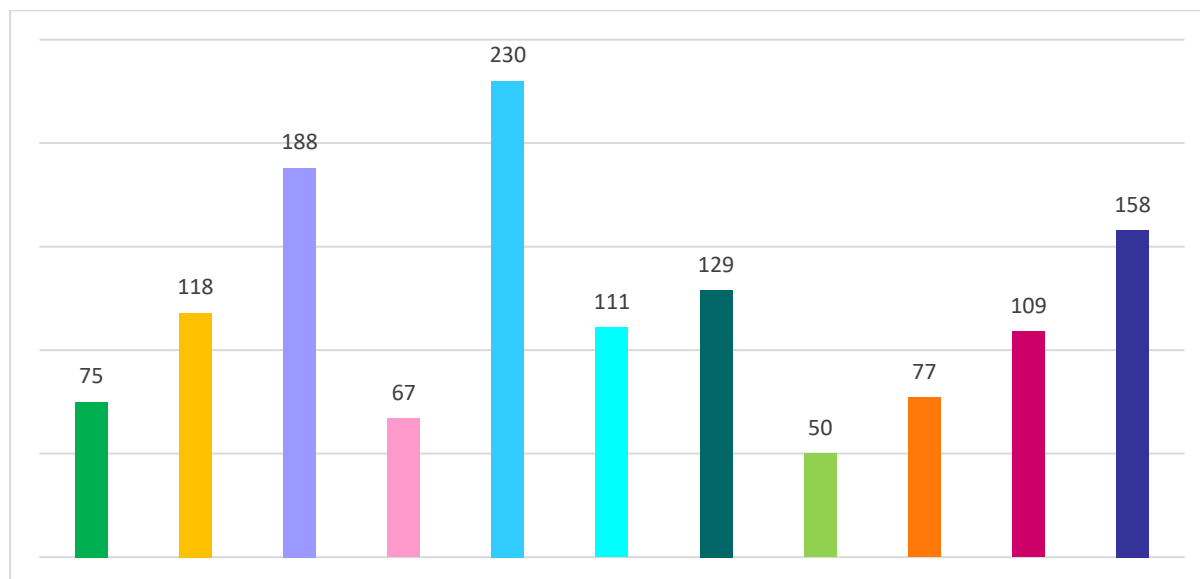
We have two pots of money that make up our budget:

1. Our ‘Capital Budget’, is specifically to invest in major projects and this is funded mainly through grants and borrowing from central government. Interest is charged on the amount we borrow, and this cost is then charged to our Revenue Budget. This means that the more Capital projects we fund, the greater the demand on the Revenue Budget, resulting in less money available for council services.
2. Our ‘Revenue Budget’ pays for all our ongoing council services, and this is funded through the Council Tax you pay, Welsh Government grants and business rates.

Capital Budget

Currently we have a five-year plan to spend £400 million on our Capital Programme. It is expected that this will help to accelerate schools’ transformation and economic recovery, whilst continuing to support local residents, businesses, and communities. We have also been successful in bidding for ‘Levelling Up’ Capital funding which will bring a further £7 million into the county.

Q8. Which of the following three priorities do you think we should focus our Capital spending on? (Please tick a maximum of three options)



- Develop business units for local businesses to establish and expand
- Building new schools and refurbishing existing schools
- Climate change - to become Carbon Neutral by 2030
- Work with partner housing associations to secure the development of extra care housing schemes across the county
- Town centres and regeneration to improve the local economy and tourism
- Creating more facilities for sustainable transport and active travel such as cycling
- Building more council houses
- Improving the leisure centre facilities
- Setting up care homes and facilities to care for children in care
- Support the delivery of improved digital connectivity and encourage businesses and communities to take advantage of technology
- Improving our road networks and maintain bridges

Revenue Budget

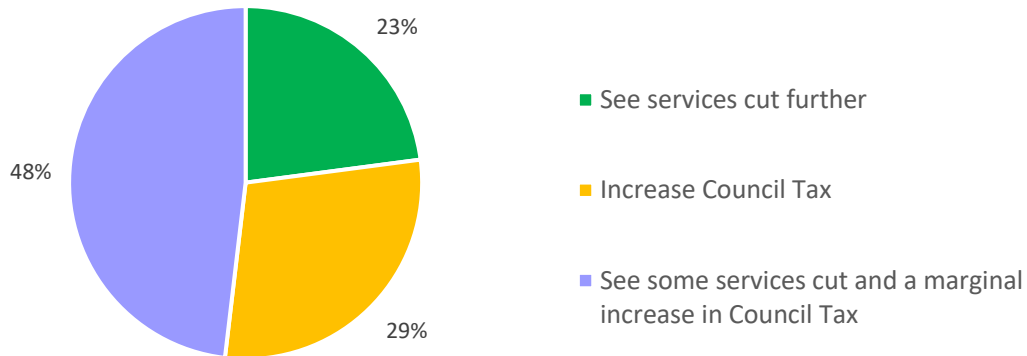
Our net revenue budget is funded in the following way:

Funding Streams	£million
Council Tax	87.9
Welsh Government Revenue Support Grant and Redistributed Business Grants	191.9
Total Funding	279.8

We are reliant on funding from Welsh Government and each year it decides how much each council will receive. We have to predict what this figure will be and plan how to fund council services and their pressures. We will get an indication of the funding from Welsh Government in late December 2021 and confirmation of the final allocation in early March 2022.

Q9. If we receive less funding from Welsh Government than planned, how would you like to see this addressed?

See services cut further	110
Increase Council Tax	139
See some services cut and a marginal increase in Council Tax	231

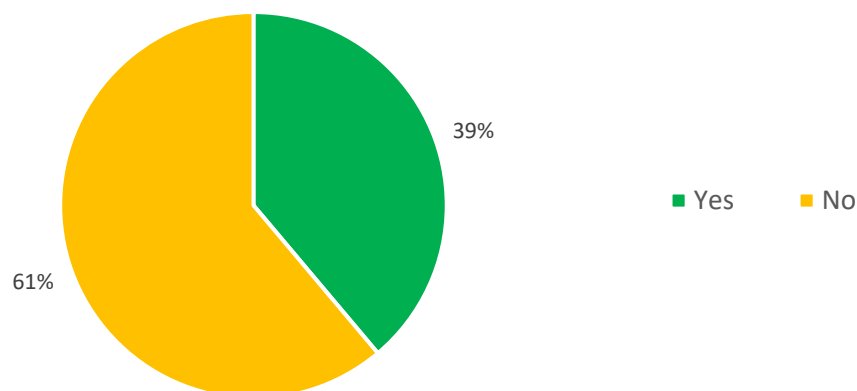


Climate Change

We have recently been successful in bidding for £1 million Community Renewal funding from UK Government to help in the fight against climate change across the county.

Q10. Do you think we (the Council) are doing enough to help with the global challenge of climate change?

Yes	412
No	77



Q11. What other initiatives do you think we should investigate/invest in?

<p>It should be part and parcel of everyday working and form part of commissioning packages, for example where we engage housing builders to build our houses they should do so with trees in mind (avoiding high-maintenance stuff like grass and shrubbery which the council will then need to regularly cut)</p> <p>Housing development (private or public) should also be judged on their access to play spaces (green land & play parks) which should become standard in all housing developments (over an appropriate size or next to estates with limited access to playspaces) to ensure they are appealing to families, again consideration should be given to tree planting and solar panels as standard. Making playspaces a key consideration will also mean Powys is dedicated in its aim of becoming a child-friendly county as well as being a big appeal for families wishing to locate to Powys.</p>
Electric vehicle charging points in every town and village.
Greening all council vehicles incl school buses & maintaining roads in very rural areas so pot holes & poor surfaces are addressed so cycling is safer especially at night
Need to consider the global impact, decisions being made in Powys are having. So granting planning to more intensive poultry farms being developed will continue to have an increasing impact on deforestation in the Amazon as forests are destroyed to grow Soya. Soya being the main feed the chickens on these IPU's consume.
Moving fleet to electric vehicles
Better transport options
There's probably more to do but I would say PCC is doing stuff and taking the issues seriously. Electric fleet, grass verges left to flower wherever possible, active travel projects etc.. are all good. Maybe supporting some tree planting in communities working in partnership with various third sector groups maybe...
Solar PV farms and wind farms to generate income streams for the Council, more community woodlands and allotments/food waste/composting/growing/redistribution/local food/farmers markets initiatives
Grants and support to help residents transition to new sources / methods. A buyer consortium for residents, for supply of green energy at affordable prices
The Robert Owen fund is great but over complicated to sign up for. Recycling of flimsy plastic from home rather than coop or tesco, no new builds without solar/ heat pump/ etc, some local North Powys trains would be nice but I know that's pie in the sky but no reason more local community busses shouldn't exist even on a ring first basis!
Promote use of green energy and other ways of cutting carbon etc by offering discount to taxes and other benefits
Think more about unnecessary transport - ie closing schools and creating more bus journeys.
Mass Vaccination Centres too far and no family appointments - this should be rectified.
Not sure - but seeing large council buildings sitting empty with the lights on is not encouraging. Support digital working etc and reduce reliance on buildings. Where buildings are needed they need to be sustainable - this includes schools.
None, I think the people of Powys need a break from excessive council taxes that don't deliver a service! People are struggling to make ends meet and the council keep wasting money! Criminal!
I think you should seriously consider NOT expanding what the council undertakes. Councils are very bad at involving themselves in business as can be examples by the many projects councils get involved with and spend money in a wasteful way. I have seen examples over the years as a Powys resident of gross waste, indeed I have been looking at a project in Welshpool that is currently ongoing and far too much money is being spent. It is very easy to spend "other peoples money" council tax needs to be reduced not increased!
The Council needs to focus on the nuts and bolts of providing services today as it's primary focus. Secondary to this climate and environment needs to be a part of every decision made, not and

additional project in it's own right. The grants should be used to facilitate this and to mitigate the costs of making services provided more climatically efficient rather than be separate unconnected projects.
Nothing for kids to do. We get less services for more council tax.
Stop making people travel further for schools and health
Question 9 needs another option to choose from! I don't think anyone would be happy to lose the very limited services we have now, definitely no raise in council tax, we already pay far far too much and paying a little bit more and also losing services really sounds like you are taking the mickey! Option 4 would be use the money you do get better!!
You could start by having more Tetra recycling facilities available, as any Tetra packaging is near impossible to recycle but it's everywhere.
Addressing global challenge proportionally. Powys is an insignificant part with no influence. Grandiose personal vanity projects should be resisted. Cost:benefit all the way and under performance should be addressed quickly and decisively. Stop promoting failures within the system.
Banning HGVs off roads to use bypass only, reduce the amount of traffic lights, stop putting council tax up
More ev charging points
More electric charging points Support stopping Buttington Incinerator unleashing CO2 and gases into the environment by halting the proposals for good
More electric vehicles
Public transport there's little promotion of bus routes, no availability of them in most areas on Sundays. More frequency and look at creating new routes with providers. Trains are unreliable at present focus on that too and put more pressure on TFW to up their game and improve stations. While nice to have cycle lanes a lot of towns aren't suitable (or have lots of hills so many people don't have bikes).
more frequent bin collections. no more selling off public property. make the library in welshpool a library again and turn the museum back into a museum
Force transport for wales to have better services. We are encouraged to use public transport but when trains are late or cancelled and no bus replacement is available then it is officially for me to be green. Encourage more council meetings in the future to be online. Install solar panels on council buildings
Recycling bins in town
Need to focus on people's health and jobs not climate change
Revitalise our road network to support cycling and walking. Public transport like buses and trains are infrequent and not reliable so people revert to using their car.
Reducing waste. More focus on re enable energy sources.
Return free swimming for the over sixties and summer holiday children
Community projects for local people do undertake
Create more parking areas close to older housing areas as these residents will struggle to park and charge electric cars in the future unless something is done now.
Build more recycling facilities.
By all accounts powys are leading the way. And compared to surrounding counties that's very true. Sustaining these levels should be paramount!
More money for support workers out in the community
Rail network, cutting emissions from towns and villages, getting rid of chicken farms!
Water power generation
Just use common sense

Pressure all businesses to take responsibility
Solar.on houses. Absolutely NO more wind farms!
Recycling
Library services
I don't know, but what I do know is your pricing hard working class families out of decent family homes, my tax bill £2570 this year and your already talking about another increase. its getting ridiculous
Solar panel grants
More recycling options
Stop prattling on about climate change-in reality the council are not going to make any difference!
community energy schemes
Not sure I know what is being done, needs more publicising
None if they cost money. Again unless they add value to the economy or improving the skills of our young people they should be left to voluntary organisations or the private sector
The community renewal fund is funding for the community from UK government. This is not council spending. What has the council spent on climate change action? There are so many opportunities on climate change that are also lower cost. There are so many investments in renewable energy which are profitable. The council should be prioritising every project that is both economic and supporting climate change. For example, massive building refurbishment of it's own buildings, LEDs, solar panels on every economic roof, larger renewable energy deployments on council owned land. These can then create long term economic stability for the council with predictable income. Having an enterpenural council which is financially resilient with it's own income streams.
Energy efficiency eg. LED/insulation, active travel, home working (better connectivity, or working hubs), public transport, support green businesses more than others, protect and develop open spaces
Funding/Grants for residents to create renewable energy such as putting in solar panels, ground source heat pumps etc to decrease the need for as much electric, oil, gas etc.
shared broadband in housing units, car share scheme, concerts in the park
We own a huge land areas within Powys which could be utilised for all types of biodiversity gains etc.
All council buildings using renewable energy
More recycling options eg for crisp packets, foil cat food pouches, nappies
sell some buildings, pay staff to work from home, make kids walk cycle to school
NA
more dog poo bins needed county wide
Small community green energy projects that allow small communities who are not connected to all utilities to provide their communities with renewable energy as an alternative to the off grid power sources many of them have to rely upon at present.
Build low carbon council houses
Active travel and low carbon tourism
Re-cycling more. Reduced plastic and ban plastic bottles completely. All building works in National Parks to have wooden windows/doors. More bus/train links Ban plastic on fruit and veg.
recycling in schools is little but never gets done also i thought powys was going paperless that hasnt happened plus why close down rural schools that work and have strong communities around them who would help and do help with the cost of running them just to build a new school somewhere else not very environmentally friendly when you have above the question on how to look after rural settings and encourage people to move to the area how about if it aint broke dont fix it
Electric Vehicle Charging Hubs
better healthcare access

Change the mood music - it's very bad seeing Conservative and Independent councillors moaning and playing politics with motions to combat climate change.
More extensive recycling opportunities
Put major effort into looking at all the ways in which the council and citizens can respond to climate change - e.g. land use, better recycling, renewable energy, home insulation ...
Better recycling depots
More and better recycling, especially from doorsteps.
Reuse, upcycling and recycling. Initiatives to mend/refurbish and sell furniture and electronic items that would otherwise have been thrown away, to salvage metals and minerals from items such as mobile phones for use in making new ones, and as a last resort to recycle more types of material (e.g. tetrapak cartons).
It's impossible to comment since there is insufficient data for me to review.
Educating households through information campaigns, eg leaflets about how to help the environment on a personal level.
Climate change is seriously negatively affecting our biodiversity, so every opportunity should be taken to improve habitats - including supporting farmers to change some of their practises, less mowing of verges, and allowing more wild areas on council-owned land.
Educate the public to accept more onshore wind power.
All council owned/leased vehicles to be electric incl refuse lorries etc. All council owned or rented buildings to be heated via air or ground source heat pumps.
Grants to households to improve house efficiency and sort out the Conservation Officer to enable those in listed houses to install energy saving measures
More recycling i.e. plastics that are at present not recycled
improve public transport, support home insulation, improve recycling, use less plastic
Help develop public transport - lobby got a train every 2 hours, consult on bus services, assist car share schemes. Do not agree to more intensive chicken farms, ensure education includes climate change issues
Stop the planned incinerator at Buttington, which will add to local pollution.
Encourage us to use more public transport. Introduce us to new bus locations that can be accessed locally eg) Newport, Cwmbran.
A lot of trees in area have been cut down maybe we could plant more trees which may not be too expensive as we have areas in area where trees can be planted without causing too much disruption
Keep peoples bill to a minimum reduce unnecessary spending . Forget climate change quangos that do nothing other than cripple economy and put people on the bread line.
electric car charging points
No comments
<p>None - there is no climate emergency. The climate has been changing - and will continue to change - for as long as the earth has an atmosphere. It is wasteful of resources and dishonest to try and stop the climate changing by focusing on a gas (carbon dioxide) that makes up just 410 parts per million of the atmosphere and less than five per cent of greenhouse gases. Especially as it is a gas that is essential for life on earth.</p> <p>Temperatures even if they increase by two degrees centigrade will still be below those of the Medieval Period (which was followed by the Little Ice Age - 1400 through 1850). The Medieval Period was cooler than the Roman Period which in turn was colder than the Minoan Period. There is robust evidence that increases in CO2 follow - not precede - temperature rises.</p> <p>Climate is influenced among other things by the way the sun burns, the orbit of the earth around the sun, the relationship between the earth and other planets, oceanic and atmospheric oscillations, cloud cover, the tilt of the earth on its axis. It is risible to think that we can, by reducing by a tiny amount the tiny amount of CO2 in the atmosphere that we can outweigh the impact of all those other natural influences.</p>

For the Council to indulge in this really rather silly concept, fashionable though it may be and especially when it will have adverse impacts on our economic, social and environmental sustainability, is not what local (or indeed national) government should be doing.
I believe that you could do a lot more with solar and wind energy due to the vast land available and the number of farms owned by the council
Make supermarkets support local farmers and growers by legislating a % of their stock MUST be from close by. In county at most.
Better Internet and mobile phone coverage to further encourage home working.
Renewable energy
Help with promotion of recyclable packaging and products.
even looking at the way these questions in this survey are being asked shows that a focus on climate change is simply not there. People may well not chose options that are required for climate improvements but councils and governments must implement them regardless. You need to be clever and tackle problems regarding housing and infrastructure on revolutionary ways. We cannot build ourselves out of climate change
Working with farmers to promote sustainable methods that provide income for them and improve the environment Promote farmers' markets and local food box delivery schemes Improve education and training in environmentally sustainable farming and tourism
electric vehicles
Planting community woodlands. Improve the range of products and materials recycled. Aid the agricultural sector in moving away from carbon-generating methods.
More cost efficient and carbon neutral homes
Need more public transport, more electric charging points for cars
Electric car charging infrastructure
plant more trees, forests on Council owned land
Local power generation.
Growing more food locally .
You should first ensure that people involved FULLY understand the impact of the changes being proposed to combat so-called climate change (normally meaning warming). It is evident that the impact of measures such as battery powered vehicles is badly understood. The whole life impact on climate and environment is currently worse that that of fossil powered vehicles. People fail to understand the problems associated with the sourcing and production of the raw materials both for the vehicles and particularly for the battery systems used. Also, it is becoming clear that far from warming we can expect the planet to be cooling over the next 10 to 20 years but this is not properly publicised or promoted as it doesn't suit the agendas of the few.
Less second homes in the community.
Encourage the public with enthusiastic engagement.
We are only just starting to be aware of the challenge, this is a climate emergency and we should be responding accordingly.
An integrated network of traffic-free cycleways. Healthy activity for locals and massive attraction to Green Tourism.
Electric council vehicles. Electric charging points throughout county including on lamp posts.
Retrofitting premeses to make reduce energy consumption. Council vehicles to be electric.
Improve public transport. Discourage private car uses. Provide technical and planning advice to residents who rely on fosil fuels to heat there homes.
Reduce carbon emissions from agriculture
Na
a more robust move towards the use of sustainable energy in their own activities & transport - and attracting and supporting those industries that can produce such technologies across the county

Drop the use of Welsh as a second language wherever possible. It is just an unnecessary use of resources to require the use of Welsh. It also limits the recruitment pool of employees if staff have to be bi-lingual in English and Welsh. Road signs are particularly annoying as there is too much to take in when driving even at 30 m.p.h. There is generally too much "street furniture" on the roads. This is costly and ineffective.
joined-up management so we don't have school children planting wild flowers in verges and Powys council cutting them down !
Inward investment
Allow better energy saving measures to be installed on an older housing stock.
PUBLIC TRANSPORT
We desperately need a A & E department in a good sized hospital. We have to travel 50 miles whichever way we go .Doesn't Cardiff think we are ENTITLED to a good hospital. Do they realise there are people LIVING in MID WALES
Look at more realistic alternatives other then £400,000 electric rubbish wagons that have batteries that are unrecyclable and only last 8 -10 years
Stop closing local schools, this will only increase travel and emissions
Stop giving planning permission to high carbon footprint and polluting industries such as chicken farms. Promote green technologies including solar and wind power. All new buildings should have solar panels or community wind turbines. Promote environmentally, friendly and sustainable farming and provide funding to help farmers do this. Engage with local and national wildlife charities to help educate the general poulation about caring for nature and sutainable living. Encourage supermarkets to reduce food waste by ceasing to use pre packaged vegetables. Support local growers and promote buy local. Ban plastic bags, including bag for life.
Avoiding building on sites liable to flooding or with other environmental impact. Making provision to support electric vehicles suitable for agricultural use. Reducing speed limits on rural roads.
See my comments at start of survey. Additional thoughts might include: Walking and cycling tracks are well worth while. Leisure and sports facilities wherever deficient. Health services, particularly dental and general outpatient facilities. We have very good local hospitals which are under-utilised. (GP services are not too bad.)
Planting schemes above flooding area to absorb rainfall. Electric vehicles for buses and increase amount so more available. public transport, therefore people more likely to use instead of cars
1. Ensure Council buildings and vehicles are carbon neutral by 2030 2. Purchase sustainable & ethical products & services wherever possible 3. Provide grants and advice for residents and businesses to go carbon neutral
better broadband for all : cuts emissions by enabling remote work
Recycle soft plastics from home collection. Increase in electric public vehicles and charge points.
car pooling initiative to cut emissions, enabling community understanding of climate change and how individuals can help with changes to lifestyle through workshops and pop up info stations and children's play
A more sensible source of 'green' energy. Wind farms and Solar are NEVER going to provide the energy we need, focus should be on development of a cheap way to produce hydrogen, then people would not need to follow the UK government's 'pie in the sky' schemes to replace gas boilers with (useless) heat pumps etc - our housing stock is far too old to work with this unproven technology. We also need this irrational stupidity which says we will all have to drive electric cars challenged - in rural areas electric cars are worse than useless, even if they were green (which they are most definitely NOT - we just let other countries mine the rare earth metals needed for the batteries, with all the resultant pollution that causes, and presumably we will export the life expired batteries abroad to be dealt with, so we can 'virtue signal' that we are 'carbon neutral' when we are far from being so.

Promote and subsidise solar heating.
Provide greater support to volunteers and value their contributions
There should be an additional answer to Q10 which states 'don't know'. I do not think you are actively informing people of what you are doing to help with the climate change.
Better links between towns and villages, to facilitate safe cycling and walking instead of motorized transport, for work and recreation.
Ensuring businesses and homes built have green initiatives installed
Powys is pretty green, you don't need to spend too much on it; I can only suggest keeping an eye on illegal dumping, be it farm waste or fly tipping. There is an abundance of cars in the county too, maybe you can look at that if climate change is something you're going for.
See earlier re refuse collection. More integrated public transport utilising low emission vehicles **Address the incessant overuse of traffic lights on the road network, especially where lights remain in place long before and /or after work has completed. This adds tonnes of unnecessary idle engine emissions to the atmosphere, and no doubt considerable extra cost to the works **
keep people better advised on what you have done to help with this challenge
Greener council vehicle and contractor vehicles.
Use Council owned land for solar farms
more public toilets & HGV stops
We need cheaper bulk collections to lower dumping. More recycling but maybe have some in the housing estates. So if collections are missed it doesn't build up,
Reduction in council's carbon footprint eg extension of home working and digital meetings
Lead by example and get more electric vehicles
Support planning permission for small-scale renewables
I think Powys is doing everything it possibly can though we have too many cars per head of population. I'd like to see the numerous bus routes being promoted and fewer cars queuing (with their engines on) on Llanfaes Bridge.
Reduce bosses, if we have less money from government get rid of the bosses
public EV charging infrastructure
Keeping bilingual schools
We are in the midst of a climate crisis, we should be doing everything we can - from promoting sustainable travel and providing the infrastructure for rural communities to use it, to educating out children in schools and improving waste collections. We are a household of 4 adults and could cope with a monthly residual waste collection, for example, but with an increased range of recyclables collected at kerbside (e.g. Tetra Pak, plastic film, small weee and textiles).
Moving to better insulation for houses
Encourage reforestation of the bracken covered commons in the BBNP. Include basic financial literacy and awareness of climate issues in schools.
Provide the means for people to make good choices - active travel (for example) will hit health, well-being, resilience, mental health, poverty, community development. Be the facilitators of it, and then let people get on with it. Don't provide details telling us to cycle /walk more, provide crossings, cycle lanes etc. For example - the cycle path from Llanyre to Llandrindod has tens if not hundreds of people a day using it - that's what we need. Give people the tools.
Increase public transport availability
Discounted fees and taxes for single individuals
Increase EV charging points, public transport, support planning and building control to make housing upgrades easier.

<p>Longer hours for recycling centre. Reduce charges for collection of waste from homes. More clarity in what and and cannot be recycled. More information on where to recycle all waste including single use plastics. More information on damage caused in our community by burning, tipping etc.</p>
<p>Look at home-working as the new ways of working to decrease the amount of cars on the road. Look at having meetings delivered virtually so people aren't having to use carbon emissions to attend an hour long meeting a couple hours away from their home.</p>
<p>Agricultural regulation especially poultry units to fight pollution</p>
<p>Invest to save and improve local community allotments and provide more funding for local community and town councils to deliver what it needs.</p>
<p>Lead the way with making council properties/initiatives green ASAP. Get solar panel on every council building, switch to air and ground source heat pumps, use solar and tidal energy where possible. Start with yourselves to provide a good example, make bigger industries do the same, and help smaller businesses and residents to follow your lead.</p>
<p>Sell off more property for redevelopment.</p>
<p>Plant more trees .</p>
<p>See very few council vehicles running on battery power. Grants for domestic solar power and more efficient boilers.</p>
<p>More electric charging points. More investment in public and community transport to cut down on car use. Maybe bike or scooter schemes in larger towns. More community recycling centres. Stricter building regulations on carbon neutral and energy saving house building - and making sure green spaces are included in every housing development. MUCH stricter control on river pollution - no more large chicken farms and other polluters. Balanced tree planting initiatives - where they are needed not just for the sake of planting them (eg leave bogs as carbon sinks)</p>
<p>More recycling schemes and centres. Support for household energy initiatives.</p>
<p>More upcycling and recycling projects. For example, the change in the road structure in Brecon has reduced the accessibility to drop items off at the charity shops of your choice. I agree that traffic should not go through the centre of town. Pedestrians should have the ability to walk around the shop safely and that the shops have opportunities to increase their footfall by using the area in front of their shops. I love that European feel it brings to the community. If the charity shops had access to a warehouse in the industrial estate. Then people could drop off their unwanted items. They could be processed (creating job opportunities), then sorted to the different shops. As not all shops want big furniture, these could be given to homeless projects or low income families. Or sold to create more revenue to reinvest in different projects. Crafts recycle centre - which could also be used by schools.</p>
<p>Further education in Powys is shocking. Very few courses. Very few venues. Hereford looks to be the closest for my daughter. Set up online/digital colleges for rural learners.</p>
<p>As per question 3 answer</p>
<p>Better home and business insulation</p>
<p>Clean rivers and water courses</p>
<p>During CON29, new reports say that heating has the biggest impact on carbon emissions, so by making staff work from home they are now heating each of their own locations instead of being in one heated location - while of course the impact of this cannot be recorded, the fact that there will be an impact should be recognised by the council as its own doing. To offset this, it would be a good idea to start a insulation subsidy scheme for all Powys homes so if people are homeworking then they are not using so much energy. In particular as a lot of people are in rented homes, incentives for landlords to improve their housing stock.</p>
<p>New concrete mixes that do not add to Carbon footprint ie LC2 / LC3 and the new concrete that stores Carbon. (Available now).</p>
<p>Wind Turbine, Hydro and Solar Power initiatives</p>

Re-evaluate how re-cycling is being provided and aggressively pursue improvements. Move to an all-electric fleet of vehicles as soon as possible. All new vehicles should be electric. Any unexpected replacements should also be electric.
Don't know the answer to #10. Know little about council's initiatives in this area.
Help for old housing stock to insulate and reduce heating - not just roof insulation which most of us can afford - it is double glazing, more efficient heating etc.
More public transport that is frequent and reliable, not for towns and city's, for those of us who want to play their part living semi rural and be able to leave the car on the drive. Failing that and again not in the major towns or cities, electric charging points. I don't live in a major town or city and I only see money and services being poured in those directions
supporting farmers environmental initiatives
Car power points
IF you want vibrant communities STOP closing village schools. If you want to improve education, STOP closing village schools- this unimaginative plan of closing what are hubs of communities goes against all that you say that you want to achieve. What is a community once you have taken the school? Children do well in small village schools - invest in them. Use imagination to perhaps make different schools centres of excellence- Seeing what the council is actually doing undermines all the grandiose promises. Invest in the communities and the children by keeping the village schools.
More cycle networks as a lot of the county's roads are narrow and winding being used by a range of vehicles.
more recycling initiatives
Solar panel fields
Provide more pre school staff. Develop a better pre school admission policy and prioritise locality over age. Currently we have children being driven 30 minutes to a setting because non local children who are months older were given the place over local children. This is not going to help climate change.
Increase the opportunities to recycle a lot of what currently goes into general waste and landfill
public transport improvements for isolated areas to reduce the number of private vehicles on the road
Promote buying hotel and wedding garden hotel
Insulate public buildings and use renewable sources of power everywhere.
Stop paying to have biomass boilers burning for the sake of it
grants to support residential households become more energy efficient e.g. insulation and double glazing and transfer to sustainable energy provision eg wood pellet boilers and air source heat pumps
As a small charity we acquired an electric wheelchair adapted vehicle with National Lottery funding during the pandemic. I do not see the same initiative in the Council. Street lights should be switched off after midnight. There should be initiatives to work with schools to reduce overnight lighting of premises. Work should be undertaken to work on initiatives to help people in their homes to reduce power usage. This was done during the 1970s during the power crisis and should be considered again. The Council should look to invest in community gardens/allotments. It should look at how it uses its own buildings rather than close them. It should support local power generation. There should be a focus on the environment and planning should address the rise of industrial farming by large companies in the County which are leading to road congestion with large chicken lorries and pollution of our natural environment in particular the Wye.
solar panels on all council buildings.
Help with insulating homes, there are a lot of v old buildings in Powys and they are hard to insulate, there needs to be a better more workable aim to help insulate whilst maintaining their historic value
More electric car recharging point in car parks.
Water and wind generation of power
Investigate realistic ways in which our communities can move forward to becoming sustainable and how the council delivers this practice.

<p>Small Hydro electric stations on our waterways to power local communities.</p> <p>Encourage food closer to home</p> <p>Help support initiatives from local people who have carbon neutral ideas that could be scaled up</p> <p>Tree planting and green spaces built into any new build. But also plants trees and food producing trees and bushes on any council land so homeless can feed themselves...apple trees etc</p> <p>Encourage more recycling and upcycling schemes</p> <p>Use of wool as insulation</p> <p>Build houses fit for the future</p> <p>Encourage all schools to have their own veg garden tended by pupils</p> <p>Encourage eco farming</p> <p>Support young farmers to help change farming practices whilst remaining viable</p> <p>Create more allotments and community growing spaces which also helps mental health</p> <p>Support more health teams so that they have responsible for a more defined smaller community without having to drive all over part of the county. (like the village district nurse of old)</p>
<p>more ev charging points (free)</p>
<p>More recycling, currently there is a lot of plastic that is not recycled by the council</p>
<p>Allowing children to access schools within their local area rather than building huge schools which are further away and thereby increasing the need for transport</p>
<p>The environment - biodiversity eg ban the use of pesticides or herbicides this would save money.</p> <p>Tree planting. Encourage organic farming. Encourage community projects to set up growing and selling local produce.</p>
<p>Be much smarter about climate initiatives — https://copenhagenconsensus.com/copenhagen-consensus-climate</p>
<p>We need to establish better county wide coverage of Broad Band, encourage the development of the economy making Powys a place where companies want to locate to and operate from and we need to be providing sustainable and affordable housing to encourage our young people to stay within the County of Powys.</p>
<p>Alternatives to car transport</p> <p>Reducing the need to travel</p> <p>Green energy</p> <p>Local food production</p> <p>Supporting local business to generate local supply chains</p> <p>Supporting homes to be carbon neutral</p> <p>Investing in biodiversity</p> <p>Supporting the use of local natural resources, eg. wool and industries that could be developed for this</p> <p>Investing in the circular economy</p> <p>Investing in existing buildings rather than building new</p> <p>Supporting town centre regeneration to create a 'shop local' trend</p> <p>Tree planting (recently a lot of trees that were planted by volunteers were cut down in Brecon by PCC contractors)</p> <p>Carbon locking</p> <p>Committing to plastic free council run organisations - eg. schools</p> <p>Locally produced school meals</p> <p>etc. etc.</p>
<p>Sustainable employment through local businesses, with local people becoming stakeholders so money is reinvested in the local community with priority given to establishing local business over multinationals</p>
<p>Solar panels grants of say 50% to encourage people to get them</p>
<p>Support homes to become more eco friendly with double glazing and new boilers for ALL homes not just unemployed</p>

Invest in proper recycling - don't export to China, Repair, Reuse and recycle here providing jobs and skills and use the recycled goods to produce a revenue stream.
Re-use centres such as that at the recycling centre at Lower Cwmtch should be expanded and replicated at council properties. 😊
Restore rail links
Use local (Powys contractors and not just one like currently to install more car chargers and make The existing infrastructure more efficient ie energy saving solutions to all Housing and council buildings
Electric vehicles
PROVISION OF TRAINING FOR ADVISORS AND MAINTAINERS OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES IMPROVEMENT OF INSULATION OF COUNCIL HOUSING AND OFFICE STOCK
Electric charging points to support the infrastructure to run electric vehicles.
not sure what you are already doing-but supporting regenerative farming might be a good thing
Protecting the rivers being dumped into
Sustainable transport infrastructure, particularly cycling, and encouraging participation.
I don't really know what you are doing now. But providing better access to good digital solutions and better cycles tracks and places to park bikes in towns should help
Recycle soft plastics until these are actually replaced with more sustainable alternatives
Investment in buildings - lots of buildings and schools are single glazed, not insulated and leads to excessive heat being lost. Find a way to process soft plastics for recycling
Bike paths on the road and in the public fields/woodlands
plant trees
Wind, sun and hydro energy.
Increase opportunities for efficient recycling and reuse of items that still have plenty of life. Encourage sharing of resources so that people can loan seldom used equipment rather than own it. Invest in renewable forms of energy e.g. wind to power public buildings and communities.
More support for power generation from relatively small hydro schemes.
Do not close rural schools, this necessitates more transport hence more environmental damage electric vehicles and charging points maybe hydrogen too, planting trees
You should investigate how and why there are so many IPUs in this county as compared with others across the nation - they not only create pollution but are also having a negative effect on tourism and residential amenity for a minimal amount of employment created (the bulk of which is construction and processing which takes place outside the county). A few are gaining large profits to the detriment of the many.
Improve energy efficiency and the long term cost savings this can bring. Deploy renewable energy and the income generation this can provide. Realise the cost savings from switching to electric vehicles. Consider social return on investment, use life time costing and consider the costs of inaction. Use the high level position of finance to bring together departments and find lowest cost solutions through integration.
Totally transform digital connectivity in Powys Car charging points Much enhanced local support, including financial support, for local residents in old housing stock, to address home heating issues Expanded and improved facilities for recycling Enhance public transport
You appear to miss out your primary task of maintenance and remedial work as highlighted earlier in this survey. This should be your No 1 activity with other topics lower down the pecking order.
Water generation of electricity
Community open spaces and outdoor family leisure places eg parks

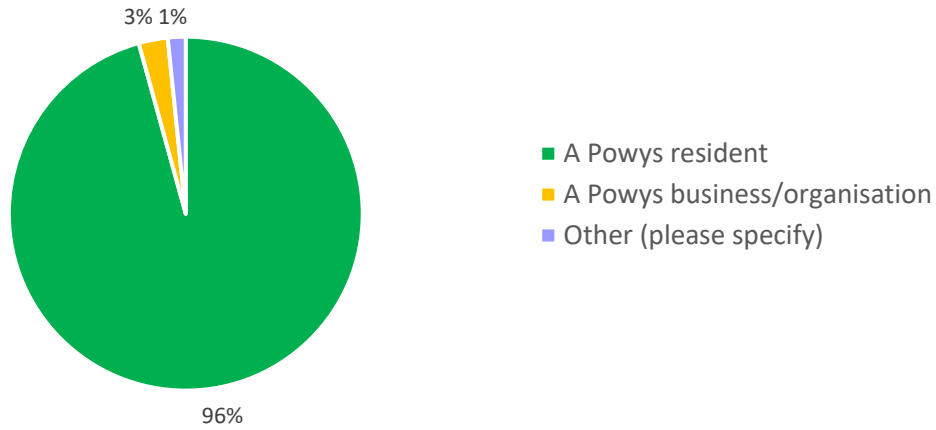
electric car charging points
Electric powered public transport and increased recharging electrical points for privately owned electric vehicles within residential areas and public parking areas.
Increase electrical microgeneration capacity on existing urban roof area.
Reducing carbon footprints - more electric vehicles
Concentrate on what we need now, not what the climate might be in a hundred years
the installation of solar panels and battery storage on every council house new and old improve insulation on all council houses and buildings
Electric/ hydrogen vehicles
Solar panels fixed to the roof of every new build property and grants available for home owners to fit to existing properties without them
- Supporting provision of electric vehicle charging points - Seeding / promoting local initiatives for improving home insulation
Cut the pay at the top thus saving the increase of council tax AGAIN. It has become extortionate! Check that every house is correctly banded, thus recouping hundreds of thousands.
Recycling of soft plastics (packaging/wraps etc)
Tree planting in council owned land.
Let roadside verges go uncut so wildflower and insect habitat is protected.
I am concerned about the run-off of nitrogen rich effluent originating from Intensive Poultry Units (IPU) running into the River Wye and other water ways.
Plant many more trees. Trees are the lungs of the earth. Provide incentives to landowners to preserve mature trees on their property.
support communities, residents and farmers already doing this - ban glyphosate use, keep small schools open and assist them in becoming community energy hubs - with solar or wind - and even market gardens/aquaponics/organic eggs - this would be good education for the children and bind the community and it would create profit that would allow these local community schools to stay open and even reopen the ones you have already closed.
Support cultural organisations and projects that bring together the arts, learning, tourism and the natural environment to create a vibrant identity for Powys.
post 14 education, stop paying the higher management so much money, but most importantly why are there so many local councilors? and stop paying for their lunch!!!
Improve the public transport network. Ensure that new housing stock/office buildings are more environmentally-friendly.
Climate change seems to be the single biggest issue. The rest of this survey seems pointless if humanity are on the brink of an existential risk.
training for 'green' jobs, encourage the general public to be more aware of the climate crisis , perhaps more education, explanations of how much ordinary people can do
Retrofit insulation for old houses across all powys
Disinvest in fossil fuels. Put more investment to encourage renewable energy
Greater investment/subsidies for public transport.
Improvements in road safety for cyclists and pedestrians
Grants to support wind and solar energy to private properties eg farms
Recycling tetra paks, home life skills so folk aren't dependent on ready meals, less plastic in supermarkets and more refillable stations.
More support for homeowners to make homes more energy efficient. Make roads safer for cyclists (lower speed limits, more pedestrianised areas), put PV on roofs of all the councils building stock, work with schools to increase walking and cycling to school, set up pilot "low carbon" smallholdings to refine a business model for hill farms to move away from livestock farming and develop other profitable revenue streams that could be replicated through the county.

Declare a Biodiversity Emergency as the two are very much linked. Support for energy saving measures in all aspects of life, reduce consumption and ensure all materials purchased are truly sustainably sourced and locally produced where possible
Active travel (encouraging people to walk, cycle, use buses & trains)
Active response to reports of bad practice, planning violations in countryside, and environmental damage. I think you do well on recycling, need to put even more into control of fly-tipping.
I would like to see a list of potential initiatives which is circulated to residents/communities to have a say in what preferences they have. This will obviously vary across the County depending again on the size of Communities (Carreghofa has an estimated population of 300 max).
More electric car charging points in rural areas, to encourage rural communities to buy into electric vehicles.
Reducing carbon in construction and emissions from operation of Council buildings. Planting trees / agro forestry on the County Farms estate.
Provide public transport alternatives to private cars.
More promotion and support for green transport
affordable housing, improved transport network, availability of nearby schools, post offices, banks, etc., grants to improve insulation and renewable energy in private homes and public buildings
should have the wheely bins collected every 2 weeks, like the rest of the country
Reducing reliance on cars: improving cycle routes and public transport. Improving the quality of peoples' housing e.g. whole-house retrofit. More local food production. Local procurement.
Invest in renewable energy and new job opportunities it wd provide
Land for allotments, community growing, orchards, woodlands.
Resilience of electricity network in more remote parts of the county - push electricity distribution operators to invest more in the area. Provide more electric car charging facilities at car parks, in high streets, and at tourist destinations.
More kerbside recycling
n.a
(i) Creu / ail-agor ffosydd ar hyd ochr priffyrdd, i sicrhau bod dwr glaw yn llifo i ffwrdd oddi ar wyneb y ffyrdd - fel na fyddo llifogydd yn dinistrio wyneb y tarmac a chreu tyllau a phyllau peryglus, sy'n niwedol a drud iawn i'w trwsio - o safbwynt teiars a pheirianwaith crogiant cerbydau. (ii) Torri gwrychoedd ochr ffyrdd lle bo llysdyfiant gwrych yn llwyr guddio arwyddion ffyrdd; gan beri trafferthion, dryswch a pheryglon difrifol i lawer o yrrwyr cerbydau sy'n ddieithr i'r ardal.

About you

Q12. Are you answering this survey as...?

A Powys resident	469
A Powys business/organisation	13
Other (please specify)	8

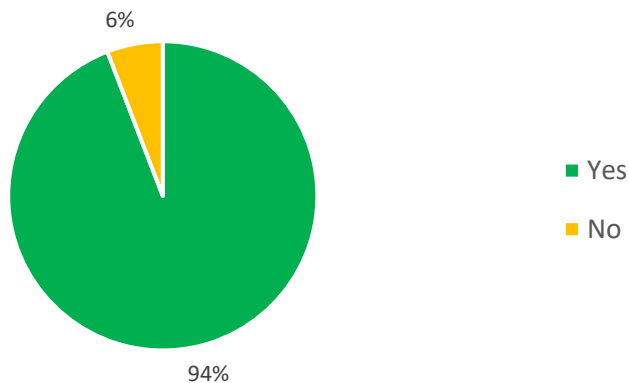


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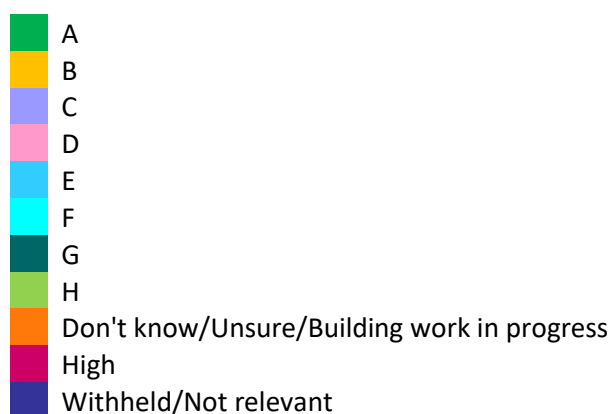
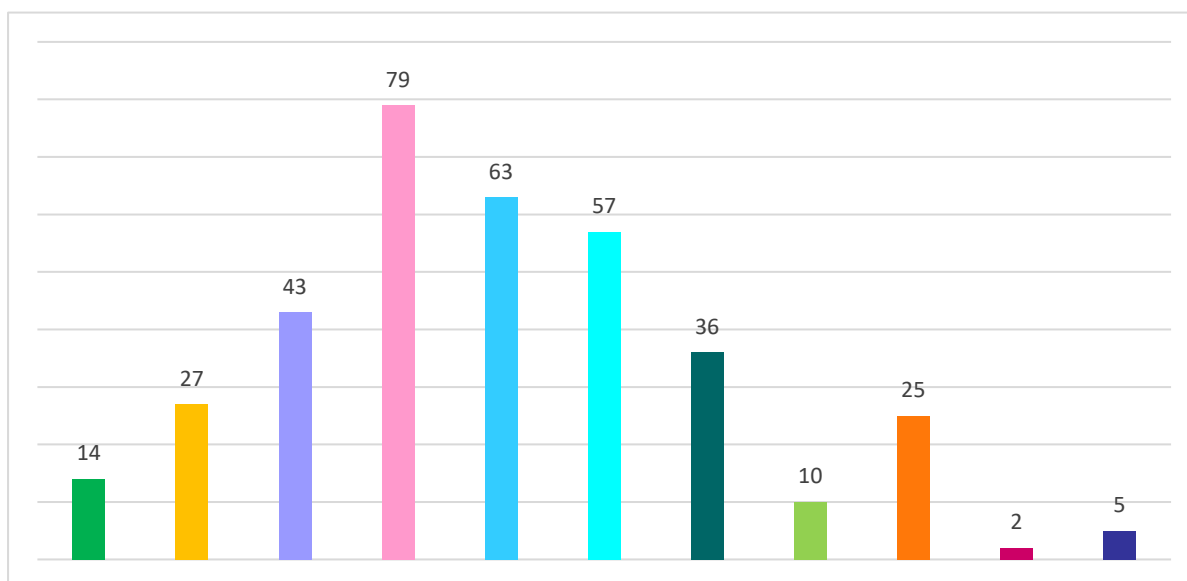
NA
Resident of a neighbouring county in mid-Wales.
Council Employee
On Behalf of Aberedw Community Council
Community Council
both
As Powys Action on the Climate Emergency - a network of community organisations working to address climate change.
Both as a resident of Carreghofa and Chair of Community Council

Q13. Are you the Council Tax payer in your household?

Yes	412
No	77



Q14. If yes, what Council Tax band is your property in?



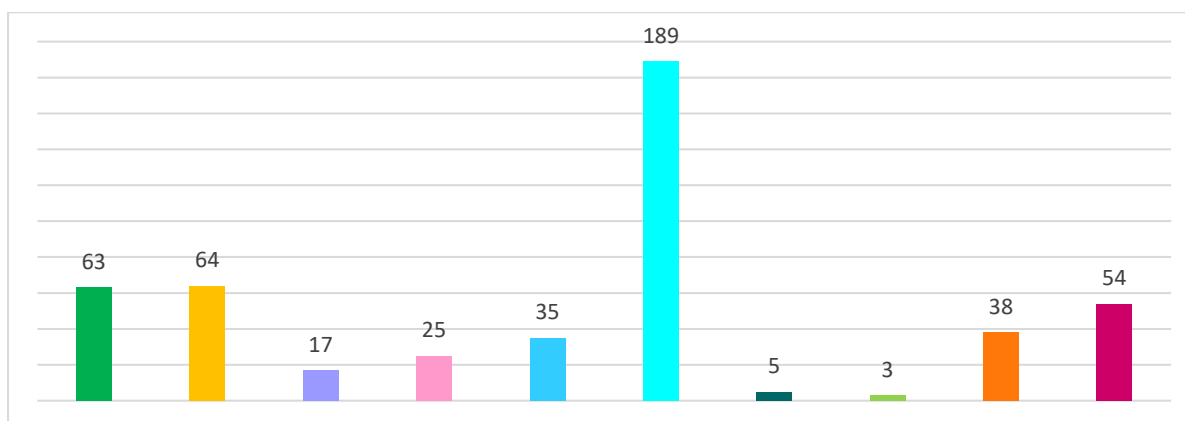
Q15. What is your postcode?

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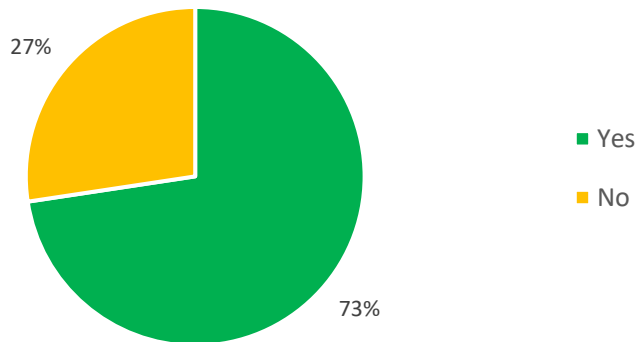
Q16. How did you hear about this survey?



- Council website
- Council social media accounts
- Newspaper/magazine
- Word of mouth
- Local town, community or county councillor
- Direct email/letter
- Powys People's Panel member
- Through the council's consultation hub
- I work for Powys County Council
- Other (please specify)

Q17. Are you happy to answer a few more questions about yourself?

Yes	358
No	135



Respondent who selected 'yes' answered the following questions. (Respondents who selected 'no' were directed to submit their survey answers and end the survey)

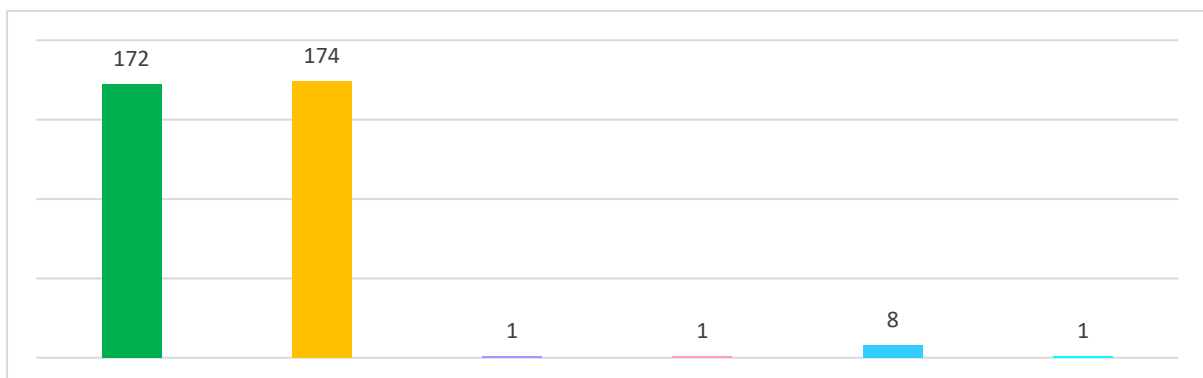
Equalities monitoring

In order to help us ensure that we are providing services fairly to everyone who needs them, we would be grateful if you could answer a few more questions about yourself.

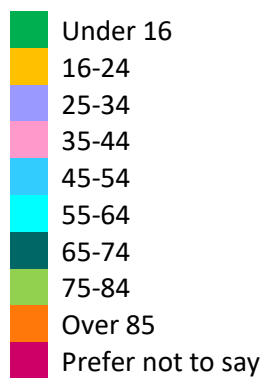
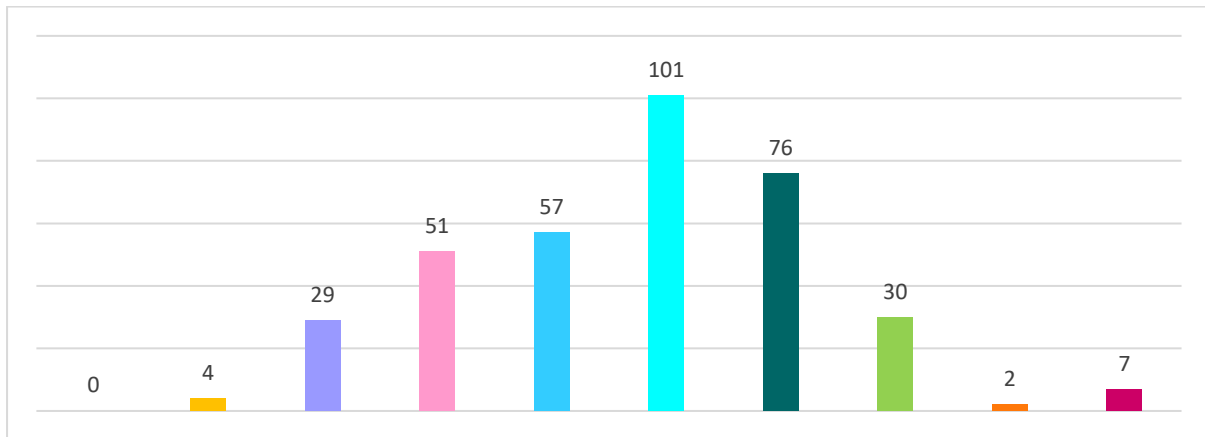
The information you supply will be kept confidentially and will only be used for the purposes of equalities monitoring.

Completion of these questions is not required as part of the survey. You do not have to answer any of the questions if you do not wish to do so. Alternatively, you can choose to answer some and not others by selecting the 'prefer not to say' options.

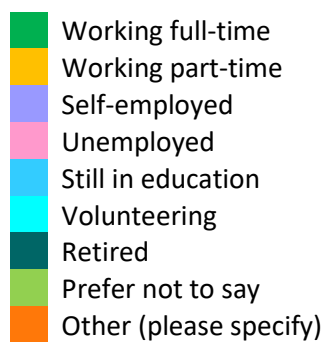
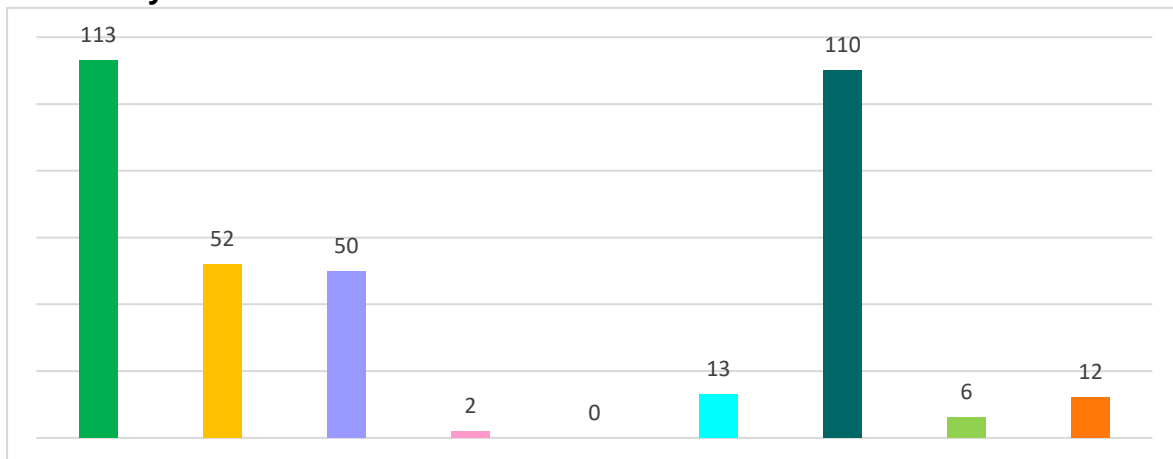
Q18. What is your gender?



Q19. How old are you?



Q20. Are you...?



Those who answered ‘other’ included:

Full time parent carer
Disabled
Full time unpaid carer and disabled
Off sick waiting to see a neurologist, poor health service
Work part time, and part time self-emp
Not working due to disability.
Volunteering/Retired
Disabled because of cancer and receiving palliative care.
Formaly retired but partially self-employed
Carer
Disabled but looking at self employment
Yn edrych ar ol y wraig sydd a Cancr trefynnol.

Q21. What is your preferred language?

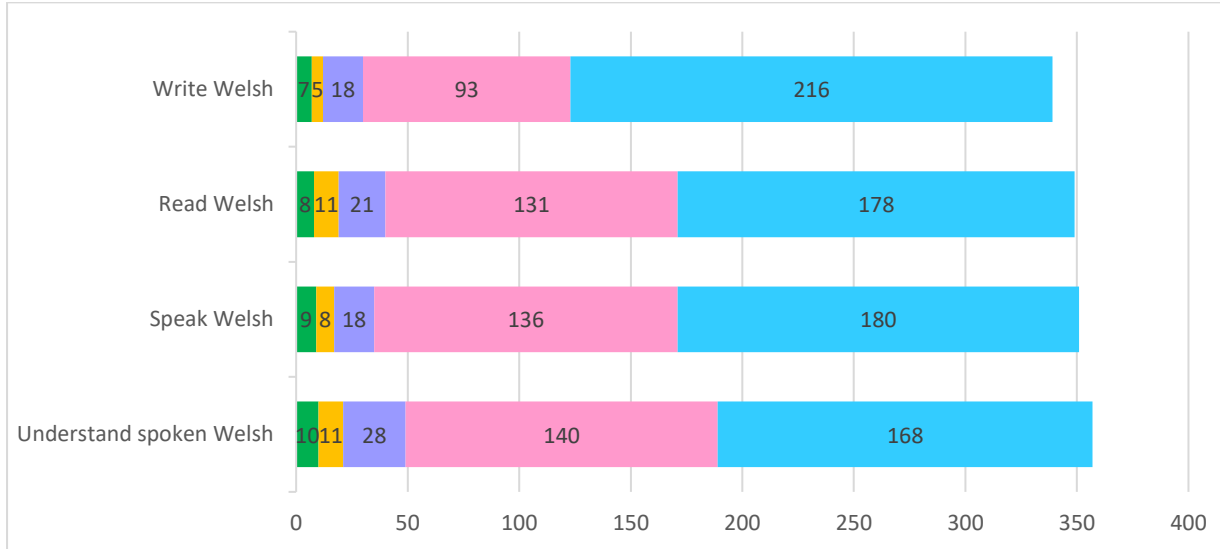


- English
- Welsh
- BSL - British Sign Language
- Prefer not to say
- Other (please specify)

Before you go

We have a couple of questions about the Welsh language that we would love to hear your views on.

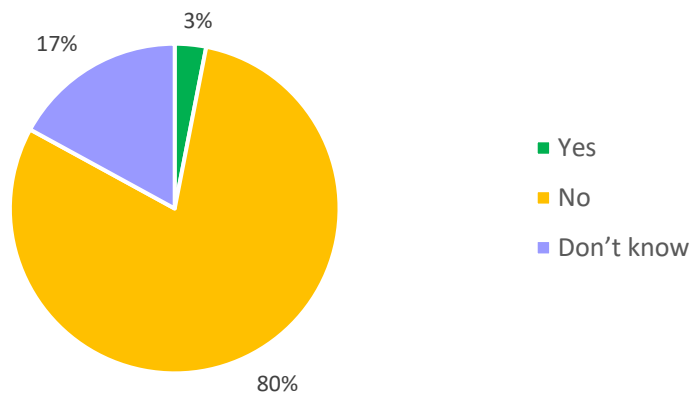
Q22. Can you...?



- Fluently
- Well
- Fairly well
- A little
- Not at all

Q23. Do you have any concerns or evidence to suggest that the council is treating/using the Welsh language less favourably than English?

Yes	358
No	135
Don't know	



Q24. If yes, please give details:

Council Tax dept contact . When phoning the wWelsh option was no one to answer but when opting for the zEnglish version it was answered within two minutes.
Taking away parental choice if you can not afford transport to stay in an English language stream school .
Often witnessing that Welsh isn't prioritised or lacking publicity
I think we need to create more Welsh medium schools and support the language much better than we have done historically .
All council signs and in fact all announcements in large chain supermarkets, train stations, sports centres - any public place should be made in Welsh first.
Powys has never embraced the Welsh language paying lip service
I do not believe learning the Welsh language should be compulsory in high school considering the majority of people born in Wales do not speak the language. It should be a choice. Just because school children HAVE to learn the language, doesn't mean they will continue to speak it when they leave school. It needs to be made an attractive option due to it being a beautiful language.
Review why there is new English only signage on the Groe in Builth Wells, a major tourist destination. Why has the Council allowed this to happen?
Welsh language is not prioritised in schools and teaching is inadequate
Pan trio cysylltu ar Adrian treth y cyngor a dewis yr opsiwn Cymraeg doedd neb ar gael. Ond yn mynd syth trwy gyda'r opsiwn Saesneg.

Q25. What changes could be made so as to have a more positive effect on the Welsh language?

I speak English, French and Italian have found these skills much more of use in my business/working life than increasing my welsh language skills it needs to be a much more global leant & used language to make it useful.
Present Welsh and English side by side rather than before and after where possible
Employ/train people to use the Welsh language.
In England newcomers have free access to basic English courses in libraries and community centers the same should be offered for Welsh in Wales! Even free online zoom courses would be something to help.
I have no interest in Welsh language
None it is a waste of resources to socially engineer this in mainly anglophone communities. Current policies are very vexing and highly manipulative. Welsh language is being disproportionately favoured in policy making.
Should be done by choice not no other option .
Ask households if they wish correspondence to be in Welsh OR English and base any future communications on that basis thereby saving 50% costs on future communications as you are only sending out 50% of what you do now.
I think too much money has already been spent promoting a language that is rarely used.
Stilted questions here. Welsh is no good in the world economy. There are other mainstream languages our country needs to be equal on a world stage. Welsh is a night school language and drains vital resource from the countries success. Take one look at the forest of paperwork that arrives daily in two laguages. Only one needed and it's not Welsh.
I think too much is spent on keeping Welsh alive. More should be invested in key services

More lessons in school. I used to have 1 lesson per week on Welsh which is not enough to be fluent. working in England, I'm proud of my Welsh heritage and language and wish i was more fluent. But it needs to be prioritised and celebrated which I don't feel it is.
Evening events held in Welsh for Welsh learners.
Don't know
Evening classes in Welsh
Sorry...I don't know the answer to that.
Provide better provisions in welshpool high school I have 2 daughters who are first language welsh and they don't even have a Welsh speaking teacher for Welsh! It's a disgrace!
First question/ greeting for any interaction with public bodies should ask whether Welsh or English should be used. Diloch yn fawr
Carry on as you are
Teaching Welsh in schools from infant age upwards
Accessible free online Welsh tuition
Stop insisting on using the Welsh language for everything! Everyone can speak English so get real- you cannot force people to learn and speak Welsh!!
Give people the choice English or Welsh, save on printing if say 40% just want English.
The anti English language discrimination is divisive and ensures that the council hires mediocre staff who speak Welsh rather than the best people for the job. If they speak Welsh great but you should recruit the best applicant regardless of their ability to speak Welsh. The amount of waste printing all council documents in Welsh must be staggering
I am concerned that the council spends and public sector in general waste too much money on the Welsh Language which would be better focused on recovery.
Stop using English place names, we call places in almost all other countries by their native name
More Welsh-medium schools
NA
Appreciate the Welsh speakers more and encourage them more so - there used to be a higher pay to speak Welsh years ago.
None - it is a dead language.
Opportunity to learn as low cost and local access
All the council staff and councillors should undertake mandatory training in Welsh.
I'm please my children learn welsh at school
Better access to Welsh language classes.
Simple, fun ways to help non-Welsh speakers of all ages learn the language.
More access to free and local Welsh lessons in public locations (schools, libraries and pubs).
Encourage non-Welsh speakers, such as myself to learn a few phrases, or have incentives to learn (reward system). Offer basic courses and advertise them in local communities. The Welsh speakers could teach the non-Welsh speakers as part of a community initiative. This would bring people together and show value of the language.
I don't know, but would support efforts to encourage and support the Welsh Language.
Keep using it, wherever possible. Revert more place names to Welsh versions.
Get rid of bilingual name place signs and just have the Welsh names
Reduce the insistence on bilingual publications and the associated costs
More Welsh at school to include comparing Welsh and English Grammar, reading stories, and more awareness of Welsh history
none those that wish to speak are welcome to do so, but it should be balanced with the majority or in line with those that speak english
Change road signs so that 1st language is Welsh. English 2nd.

Free classes for people who could learn the language and would like to
keep the structures as they are. the use of welsh provides a cultural backbone for our community in many ways
No comments
Offer more Welsh speaking courses
Keep up the integrative approach to we 'incomers' you already have. Sponsor local initiatives to get us speaking more Welsh.
Surely this is something you should know!
Improve Welsh language teaching especially at secondary level and improve value and recognition of Welsh language attainment both within education and in the community
Free Welsh classes locally
Possibly support Welsh-language events and activities at a community level, particularly in the areas bordering England where the Welsh language is poorly represented. I do not imply language teaching here as that seems well provided by central (Welsh) government services.
Free courses for anyone who would like to learn the language. Thank you
None
Introducing the language from pre school age onwards
Being half Welsh, I have been exposed to the views of the Welsh side of my family all my life. They are not in favour of pushing the Welsh language in such a way that compulsion actually has a negative effect on those who may otherwise have been pleased to learn the language. The use of combined language road signs is actually quite dangerous in many situations and should be urgently reviewed.
Free public lessons
I think you do loads
I want to learn Welsh but find it very difficult, hearing about how other people or mentors would be really useful.
Provide Welsh lessons for English people
Keep it in perspective. Mustn't allow a contempt for English language culture to emerge.
Understand that the language is a vital part of Welsh identity, but also understand that in our ever expanding global world (and market) when our young people leave Wales they will most likely have greater success if they have a strong command when speaking and writing in English. Even if they remain in Wales having a strong command of English will quite possibly open many more doors than having a strong command of Welsh. As contentious as this might seem, if the country wants to move forward it will need to accept that at present English is the global language & business is now being done on a global stage.
Change the policy so as to have MUCH LESS emphasis on Welsh. Welsh should not be used as the medium for teaching in schools. Welsh could be an optional language in school. French, German, Spanish, Russian, Cantonese etc. are probably more useful than Welsh
Not relevant to my needs - sorry
Incorporate it more in schools not just in Welsh lessons
Wouldn't it be more sensible to ask Residents if they wish to have forms etc. in English or Welsh. This would save wasting paper and duplicating everything
While I strongly support the encouragement of Welsh language usage, as a household with English and Zulu as our home languages we are not really in a position to comment on this question.
Learning Welsh, but more available lessons
Encourage Welsh language learning for adults as well as children, maybe through online training courses?
I could do with learning at least some Welsh language, perhaps online learning courses could be introduced.
Begin a 'Cymraeg Yn Gyntaf' (Welsh First) campaign everywhere in the county. Improve Welsh learning facilities.

more courses
I have lived here for 11 years now, and would have liked to learn Welsh, but as a shift worker there are no suitable facilities. By all means encourage the use of the Welsh language, but don't try to 'force' it on people.
People are already moving out of Wales because of the adverse effects of the imposition of the Welsh language on predominately English speaking areas.
Support more Welsh learners
To offer lessons for those who do not speak or write it. I moved into the area 7 years ago from England (best decision I made by the way!) but I have found that there is very little, and infrequent, opportunities for me to learn it (as I am self employed there is little opportunity for me to do day classes and i have little money left over every month to pay for the courses offered). My daughter is in the Welsh Setting at primary school which does help me (i read her books and ask her to teach me) but I think that more night, online classes should be offered at reasonable prices/free.
Try to promote a positive interaction between English and Welsh speakers to facilitate understanding between them and to counteract the sometimes confrontational relationship that can occur, often on social media.
Don't worry about it
None
Stronger planning policy protection for Welsh communities
Offer free lessons so we can learn
Free welsh lessons
I'm ashamed that I'm not more fluent. Could you offer a week long evening total immersion course? They do it at the Welsh Centre in Holborn, London.
Stop positive discrimination- Welsh language treated more favourably than English language - especially in schools - disgraceful to separate generation of children in school English & Welsh language segregated- PCC playing with social construct of our rural communities by segregation of languages in schools
Free Welsh lessons for people who have moved to the area who don't speak Welsh.
Not sure...I pick up the odd word or two but all my neighbours and local residents speak English at home for choice, including the truly Welsh ones. Some of my employees speak some welsh, but they use it very rarely. Perhaps encouraging more welsh in music especially popular music might help. It seems like a cultural/ identity thing, more than a useful thing. The stuff of politics rather than getting by and making progress on an everyday basis. Politicians obsess about it. Nobody else does.
Make it compulsory for people working for council to at least know basics of welsh language.
Don't know.
A basic home learning package to help with everyday use
More opportunities for people to learn Welsh. E.g an online session a week for an hour to go over the basics.
Ysgol Fythin pre- school playgroups etc using mainly Welsh
None
Stop selling homes as 2nd holiday homes.
More opportunities and local availability of courses and informal learning for welsh learners - maybe in partnership with NPTG or welsh medium schools?
I wish I spoke Welsh but didn't learn when I was young so support in schools and also schemes to help older people learn
More local beginners classes. I'm doing mine online but I wish there were more places to use the language.
Make all primary school's Welsh Language.
None at the moment
Free Welsh lessons for all residents

Free classes for those who wish to learn the language
I don't believe it needs any more of a push from government - I already feel it is being stuffed down the throats of children who otherwise have no desire to use the language. There is a reason why the wellbeing survey shows a steep drop-off after 16, they don't forget what they've been taught, they just abandon it.
I don't agree with sending an English speaker anything in Welsh. Its a complete waste of my money and I am very against it. Your data base needs to be clever enough to sort out who want Welsh and who does not and I do not as I cannot understand it, so throw it in the bin. You can also replace ALL place names in Wales with Welsh names only. We do not need them bilingually. If you phase out the bilingual signs over 5 - 10 years I am sure people can learn the names of the places they want to go to. Bilingual signs is a complete waste of money and can cause confusion.
Provide free Adult learner classes for those wishing to learn the language
I do not believe that more needs to be done.
have adult classes in the language
I am very positive about the Welsh language, only regret I am unable to speak it fluently but envy those that can.
Ensure all childcare services provide services in Welsh starting with the youngest children and continue their education and childcare in Welsh as they grow
If anything the council does too much to prompt the Welsh language, maintaining the current level of provision or seeing where it is over applied and cutting back would be positive.
More noticeable advertising of Welsh course/siop siarad Visible indication of businesses, services and people who are willing /pleased to be addressed in Welsh
We are trying to learn Welsh through an online course! Non-Welsh speakers should be encouraged to do the same.
If we have to speak the language then it has to have some investment to help people learn at times that work for them. Again to an earlier point, all things happen in the larger towns and cities and getting to them is not easy
I think more than enough has been done already.
more classes once covid is over
Make sure Welsh is taught as an additional language
I have concerns about road signs. Please, from a road safety point, can Welsh words be in one colour (say, red) and English in another (say black) And be consistentWelsh above English(?) This needs to apply to road directions, names of places, and information Especially important if you intend to encourage more visitors to come to the area
No idea I don't think it is a major concern
taught from Primary School level as an addition to English
Teaching in school
I think things are OK as they are.
Stop forcing it on people leave it to choice
None. However You'd have a more positive effect on the environment if you stopped printing everything in Welsh and English. For goodness sake ask households their preference. I'm disgusted at the amount of wasted paper - surely a simple electronic system can be set up to log preferences
Support for the local learning initiatives such as the courses run by Aberystwyth University.
I think council is doing enough re: Welsh. Sex is a protected characteristic not gender. I think the council should save money by withdrawing from all Stonewall schemes as may other organisations are doing because of their stance against women rights. They are not an appropriate organisation to be associated with.

It's a total waste of money to publish everything in both languages as all Welsh speakers read and speak English. Why not have more Welsh language festivals/events instead?
None at all, it wastes taxpayers money.
Not sure
Powys needs a Welsh Medium High School.
To support equal opportunity to learn both Welsh and English language so that the divide is negated.
As an English speaker it is unnecessary to send me all documentation in English and Welsh. Therefore, could money and time be saved by sending Welsh language printed material to those who understand it and English language material to those that do not understand the the Welsh language.
Not sure
Support a fully bilingual approach to education to prevent division in society between those that do and those that don't. Invest in welsh language teachers at schools
Make the Welsh language more accessible and less intimidating to non-Welsh speakers through fun, educational and inspiring programmes
having recently moved to the area (from England) it would be nice to be offered a beginner course in learning Welsh.
Ban Welsh completely - that way it would become trendy and everyone who wanted to could protest and learn it. My mother always said if she wanted me to do something she would forbid it - and I would do it to be contrary.
Stop trying to make the promotion of the Welsh language such a political issue. Those who want to speak/learn to speak Welsh will do so - shoving it down peoples' throats at every opportunity is a turn-off. Also, stop wasting money/resouces by sending out Council information in both languages - ask people for their preference and cut costs by 50%.
Encourage more use of incidental Welsh
All primary schools to be Welsh-medium
Lots being done to promote Welsh language but please do not let the addition of WM streams in EM schools be detrimental to welsh language schools. A reduction in number of pupils will lead to closure and ruin local communities, as we have are seeing currently in powys under school transformation.
Don't know. I wish the info PCC sends me was only in English to save the 50% of resources wasted in supplying the Welsh version.
In the current financial climate I'm afraid I just don't see how on earth this issue can be a spending priority. I already hear Welsh spoken everywhere, which is great,
don`t know
Current expenditure of duplicating every governmental letter content, traffic signs and place names into English and Welsh is already in place at great financial expense and carbon production. Once the pandemic costs have been recovered this subject can be focused on.
I don't think there is any other way than to teach it in schools.
Nothing. Stop wasting OUR money
Nothing more is needed from the Council
Currently the Welsh language feels a bit 'forced fed ' especially via schools and the better services Welsh schools offer. I think a better way to promote Welshness and the Welsh language would be to promote the cultural side of being Welsh and to let people decide for themselves to learn the language or not.
A lot of wasted money spent on unnecessary bilingual documents for a majority 90% English speaking council.I am Welsh and this money is wasted,needs to go into core services.
I am not a Welsh speaker but I see that more notices and material is written in the Welsh language than other countries that have two languages.
I am Welsh and already think Welsh speakers get plenty!

Provision for more free or affordable courses for adults and young adults, perhaps short courses in community halls.
Cultural events and arts projects that are immersed in Powys communities offer opportunities to further embed the language, breaking down boundaries for older generations who have experienced less spoken Welsh in the past.
Stop sending ALL correspondence out in both in English and Welsh, you should be able to opp for one or the other. Waste of paper.
Free Welsh lessons for older people.
Try & get the younger generation interested.
Make adult Welsh language teaching free and available at all libraries.
Continue to Promote Welsh culture and encourage the learning of Welsh. Please do not make those of us who do not speak Welsh feel inferior. I am Welsh born with deep rooted Welsh ancestors.
Try to make it cool and trendy? Celebrate more Welsh festivals, develop our identity and culture?
More courses available
It is a choice to speak Welsh, not mandatory. If I request english correspondence, I still receive welsh as well as english - this is a waste.
Not sure. I think you do well on this.
Possibly consider canvassing communities to ascertain if they would be interested in Powys in promoting/financing language classes.
Bilingual text (e.g. road signs) should use a consistent convention to differentiate the languages. For an example of this see road signs in the Republic of Ireland where the two languages used different styles/fonts. This convention would need to be agreed and used consistently across the whole nation.
more widely available language courses, greater priority and better teaching in schools, raising awareness amongst English speakers of the importance of Welsh language and culture.
Stop forcing parents to have to send their children to welsh schools when they do not speak it stop pushing out the English streams and threatening parents. stop making the bus transport to schools unfair for English students.
More local learning classes for welsh
Slightly irrelevant as right on the border where Welsh never spoken (as far as I know)
Sicrhau fod prif swyddogion ac uwch-swyddogion Cyngor Sir Powys (cyflogedig ac anghyflogedig) yn rhugl ddwyieithog, bod Cymraeg glân a gloyw gan bob un ohonyn nhw (yn llafar ac yn ysgrifenedig), a bod hynny yn amod o'u cyflogaeth.
I gyflogi mwy sydd gyda'r Gymraeg, neu i wneud hi yn orfodol fod pawb sydd a dim y Gymraeg iw dysgu o fewn dwy flynedd o gael y swydd.

Other correspondence

Emails received into the haveyoursay@powys.gov.uk inbox following the Budget survey (these have been anonymised for this report):

As a Powys Council tax payer I appreciate the opportunity of writing to you in the 'Budget Survey' in addition to your questionnaire which I have also completed. A particular issue that has arisen in recent years that has affected the service you provide I describe below.

Disposal of garden waste at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs).

In the past I was able to dispose of garden waste in several skips available at the Leisure Centre car park in Rhayader, more recently I have needed to go to the HWRC in Llandrindod Wells for all types of waste disposal. My particular problem is not being able to visit an HWRC site in a 'Land Rover Defender Station Wagon' pulling a trailer. Powys Council has chosen to define my particular make and model as a commercial vehicle, if I had chosen a similar vehicle made by Toyota, Isuzu or Suzuki my vehicle wouldn't be defined as a commercial by Powys Council. Please remember I am referring to a 6 seater estate car with side and rear windows behind the driver, the body type is actually described as an estate car on the DVLA V5C(W) certificate, it is not a van or pickup. I understand your need to prevent commercial users disposing of waste at the expense of council payers, but you have reasonable control of the amount of waste brought by CVT users by limiting trailers to 2.44 metres and permitting a maximum of 12 visits per year.

To put things in perspective I mulch down my grass cuttings and use the Powys green bin service but I need to trim the hedges that surround my property and dispose of about 6 trailer loads per year. This year I was fortunate that a friend burnt my cutting in his field along with his own. It would be good if you could revisit this commercial vehicle definition.

I am a resident of Powys living in St Harmon and would like to comment on the bus service along the B4518 between Rhayader and Llanidloes. In September 2018 the service along the B4518 part of the Celtic Travel X47 route was discontinued and replaced by a Simon Price minibus SP58. Our understanding was that the minibus service would essentially replicate the service previously provided by the X47, but regrettably this was not the case. The idea was the SP58 would meet the X47 at Rhayader so the passengers could continue on to Llandrindod Wells and meet the bus on its return journey at 13:42. Mostly this works well but sometimes when the bus is late the minibus cannot wait and on occasions I have been left stranded and had to walk 3.5 miles to St Harmon carrying shopping (I am 76). It would be less stressful if the changeover time could be adjusted to provide a greater safety margin.

Also there is no afternoon service from Rhayader to Llanidloes via St Harmon and Pant-y-dwr after 13.45. The previous service on the Celtic Travel X47 bus would leave Rhayader at approx 17.30 and similarly return from Llanidloes, in the late afternoon. It is impossible to have appointments in Llandrindod Wells during the afternoon i.e. hospital, dentist, optician etc. without incurring an expensive taxi journey from Rhayader.

In July 2018 I wrote to the Transport Dept. of Powys Council at County Hall setting out the above points and didn't receive a reply or an acknowledgement. I also attended a meeting at Pant-y-dwr community hall where a member of the Powys Transport was present and I outlined my same concerns. I would appreciate you reconsidering your schedules when next arranging a new timetable.

Rent and rate increases 2022

I would like you to address the above mentioned topic and if there is a consultation consider a freeze for the next two years in rents and rates.

Over the last couple of years we have seen quite a hike and further increase will no doubt follow. However since Mr Drakeford has seen fit to have further restrictions and kill the economy in certain sections then offer payments for then increases in cash to support this from central gov. However he does not seem to want the people most affected by this the workers who may have lost jobs and incomes let alone increases in fuel and shopping bills.

This is not a political statement it is a request that Powys push for more funding considering Mr Drakeford was sitting on a large amount of cash from central government.

It's time for consideration in my view to relieve the stress and burden on the average householder in view of this constant lockdown restrictions loss of revenue to give them some aid in these troubled times . Let gov tighten their belt and relieve powys of its financial burdens by giving more help to stop these increases.