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Answers to Supplementary Questions provided after the meeting.

Councillor Graham Jones' supplementary question to the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for the Libraries Service was how many staff including drivers were employed on the mobile library service?

The Portfolio Holder's response was

There are 2 FTE regular driver librarians, comprising one full-time post on the south mobile, and 2 part-time posts on the north mobile.

In addition, there is a small pool of 4 relief driver librarians who work on a casual-by-claim basis just to cover staff leave and sickness.

Councillor Dorrance's supplementary question to the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Leisure Services was what was the Council doing to ensure that young people, particularly those from deprived areas, were able to participate in sport?

The Portfolio Holder's response was

The Council's Sports Development team offer enormous support in raising awareness of health and well-being on a day to day basis throughout Powys. Located in every secondary school in Powys, the Community Sports Development Officers are on hand to provide extensive opportunities to increase physical activity levels within each primary school cluster, secondary school and community. Predominantly working within the education setting, officers also engage frequently with parents, carers, youth and adult organisations as well as being on hand to support and advise additional partners and associations whom request it.

The team continuously strive to raise the levels of physical activity, health and well-being in Powys. From the current evidence outlined below from the **2015 and 2013 School Sport Survey** that to become **'hooked on sport for life'** a child must have the right physical skills to take part in sport (the ability), along with the confidence and motivation to want to take part and try new activities (created by enjoyable experiences). Children benefit from having countless opportunities to take part in different sports and activities and to be able to practice their skills (developing ability, confidence and enjoyment).

Then team aspire to provide the finest provision which will enhance and encourage the development of healthy and confident young people, who will in turn advance into active adults which runs parallel to our **Sport Powys vision – to become a heartland for sport where every resident is active and Powys is a county of champions.**

One of Sport Powys' key areas include ensuring opportunities are accessible and inclusive. Tackling inequalities is always high on the team agenda, however it is increasingly difficult to target specific deprived areas such as BME groups across Powys due to the low numbers that reside across the county. This in turn is reflected in the grant aid the team receive from Sport Wales, which is much less in comparison with Wales' urban Authorities.

Despite this the team have identified two key areas within Powys, Newtown and Ystradgynlais which have been identified as deprived areas. In these areas are

specific inclusive clubs N-Able in Newtown and the Disability Sports Club in Ystradgynlais.

Recognising that Powys is unique to the majority of LA's across Wales, the team ensure that free school meals pupils are targeted through our 5x60 program which can be accessed through every secondary and primary school in Powys, where one of the team's officers is based.

Each town is seen as a deprived area in Powys rurally due to transport rural links which is why the Community Sport Development Officers are placed so as to support and guide any groups or organisation whom require it. Additionally, the team work collaboratively with the Youth Service, Young Farmers Association, Youth Justice and Intervention Programme to provide as many opportunities for all as possible.

The Sports Development Team aim to provide the highest professional and comprehensive provision for all residents in Powys and will continue to do so.

The information above illustrate the role of the Sports Development Team in building and developing a strong and complete foundation for health and well-being in Powys.

Councillor Thomas' supplementary question to the Portfolio Holder for Education was does the portfolio holder feel that the lack of governor training in the whole term of office of Council compromises members and puts the Council at risk of criticism from regulators?

The Portfolio Holder for Education's response was

The Authority and ERW has a comprehensive training programme which is open to all category of governor and covers wide range of areas. The status of a LEA governor is no different to any other governor in that it is expected that LEA governors would attend the training offered.

Councillor Mayor's supplementary question was to ask for confirmation that the Portfolio Holder, Director of Education and Head of Schools that they were not aware that Llanfyllin High School were in breach of Regulation 5.2 until January 2016.

The Portfolio Holder for Education's response was

Having viewed the web-cast I am surprised that you did not read my amended response to your question in full. You choose to read the first paragraph which stated that "I have had no individual conversations with Head of School Service or Director of Education regarding the PWC report", but ignored the second paragraph which goes on to say that "it's the Schools responsibility to present a balanced budget to the Authority."

You also misled Council by saying that I had brought a paper to Cabinet without discussion – which is not true as I had had a number of group discussions with relevant officers.

You state the paper with the PWC report was presented to Cabinet on the 27th January 2015 but extensive enquiries have revealed that the PWC Report was not presented at that meeting although it was referred to in paragraph 6 of the Secondary School Review Report to Cabinet.

The PWC report was headed up Secondary School Financial Viability Study and goes on to discuss each school individual situation. No detail analysis of transport cost is evident in the report only a line in the Accounts without no explanation.

I see that you were present at that meeting of the 27th January 2015 and find it surprising that, given the importance you are suggesting to the PWC report and the fact that you were aware that Llanfyllin High School were using delegated funds to subsidise transport cost, you did not draw the Cabinet's attention to the breach of Regulation 5.2 at that meeting.

I can confirm that I did not know of the breach until January 2016.

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