

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
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REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Rachel Powell, Portfolio Holder for Children, Youth, Libraries and Leisure Services

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Gareth Morgan

The recent decision of Cabinet to close Staylitttle Outdoor Education Centre has caused considerable concern across Powys. Can the portfolio holder confirm that a full public consultation (including with schools in Powys) and a full Impact Assessment were undertaken before the item came before Cabinet for decision, in line with the requirements of the Well-Being of Future Generations Act?

Answer

At the time of the options being considered to make the necessary savings from the Leisure Service in the Medium Term Financial Strategy, the previous Cabinet agreed that full public consultation for Staylitttle was not necessary. The central Schools Service was kept fully informed and was part of the project board discussions and developments throughout the whole process. The schools were also kept updated of developments, however it is unfortunate that only a small number of schools in Powys utilise the Staylitttle facility (which has been a similar picture for a number of years, with many regularly using out of county provision), therefore the impact was considered small to moderate. A full impact assessment was undertaken prior to the report going to Cabinet with comments from a variety of services included