

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
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SUBJECT: Question from Mr Stephen Meadowcroft

Powys County Council seems keen to develop Private/ Public partnerships for the delivery key services as can be seen with the formation of Heart of Wales Property Services with Kier Group. At the time of writing this question, the financial accounts for this company are overdue (due date 23/12/18) so it is unclear as to the success or otherwise of this venture.

How successful has this initiative been (given the reports of Keir Groups Financial Difficulties) and do you have plans to go into partnership with other private companies such as Veolia for the delivery of waste management?

Response

As noted in the response to a question from Councillor Matthew Dorrance that appears later on the agenda, the partnership with Kier to form Heart of Wales Property Services has only been running approximately 18 months but has successfully delivered savings for the Council.

There are no current plans to enter any partnerships with private operators for the delivery of waste and recycling services. We do have contracts with external companies in place for some aspects of the service, such as residual waste disposal and the operation of Household Waste Recycling Centres.