## CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Phyl Davies, Portfolio Holder for

Education

SUBJECT: Question from Katherine Lewis

Assuming that you were both aware and approved of the content of Dr Caroline Turner's recent letter to all Headteachers regarding the Global climate strike on Friday 20th September 2019, I would like to know on what grounds an issue that has been taught as part of both Science & Geography curricula for at least the past three decades could be deemed "Political"?

## Response

Thank you for your question. I agree that issue of climate change is not of itself a political matter, but when "strike action" by pupils and staff is called for, and a school site is being proposed as the base for a rally, this makes it political. I am sure that this is what Dr Turner was referring to in her letter.