

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**County Council  
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**REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Rachel Powell, Portfolio Holder for  
Young People and Culture**

**SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry**

**In March, 2019, I was assured by a former Director, that there would be a final financial analysis, as to who might be responsible for the delay in the construction of Y Gaer, Brecon and therefore increased costs.**

**All reasons would be forensically examined, to consider where fault lies and the former Director even offered to remain available, to Powys County Council to assist with any background information, for as long as is required.**

**A detailed file was being kept, on all aspects of the construction. This file was to be analysed towards the end of the contract, to identify if claims against any party can be pursued fruitfully. The risks of pursuing a claim, will need careful analysis because Powys County Council knows, that the legal process can be costly, without any guarantee of success.**

**Whilst appreciating that this is a sensitive area, can the Portfolio Holder explain and confirm, what is the position regarding the forensic analysis? Also, will Powys County Council be able to enforce Court Procedures for reimbursement of payments made, to both the contracted Construction Company and contracted Project Management Company / Quantity Surveyors, if the Contract was not delivered on time and within the Contract budget?**

**Response**

The y Gaer contract sum was fixed at £9.65m in July 2018, so programme delays have not incurred additional expense for the Council since that time. The project, its financial status and progress, is being robustly managed and overseen by the y Gaer Project Board comprising relevant Portfolio Holders and officers. The Project Board, which meets regularly, receives and inspects detailed project management / programme updates along with financial reports outlining progress, issues and matters for consideration, examination and decision.

The overall project will be reviewed once completed and any subsequent recommendations will be implemented. Decisions will be continually reviewed and reflected upon.