

Translation of e-mail received 3 February 2021

Dear Kirsty Williams MS,

I would like to receive your response to the following issues in relation to Welsh-medium education in Powys.

Powys's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) 2017-2020 which was approved by Cabinet and Welsh Government Ministers 18 months ago, and is still in force, states "The initial feasibility work has identified Newtown and/or Welshpool as the most appropriate location(s) to develop category 2A provision."

It appears for Powys Council ignoring the WESP document and its proposals. Have Welsh Government Ministers been made aware of this, and have you approved that part 2.1 of the WESP is clearly being ignored?

In light of the fact that part 2.1 of the WESP Powys 2017 -2020 strategy states "early feasibility work has identified Newtown and/or Welshpool as the most suitable location(s) to develop a new category 2A provision" how do you respond to Powys Council's decision to ignore this clause without any consultation?

I look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely,

Translation of response sent 11 February 2021

Thank you for your e-mail of 3 February regarding Welsh-medium secondary education in Powys.

Following a Strategic Review of Education in Powys the council launched a new strategy for transforming education in Powys 2020-2030. The 10-year strategy contains four strategic aims and one of those aims is to "Improve access to Welsh-medium provision across all key stages." In addition, the council's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan for the next decade will be fully aligned with the education transformation strategy.

At present, discussions are ongoing regarding the location of Welsh-medium secondary provision in the county and no proposal has gone before Cabinet to date. I would like to thank you for your interest, and I am sure that there will be an opportunity to offer further input once a consultation on the nature and location of Welsh-medium secondary provision is launched.

Yours sincerely