

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
6th March 2015**

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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Gwilym Williams

Many people in my constituency and myself are concerned about the number of consultants that are employed by Powys Council.

There has recently been an article in the paper where three consultants obtained over £1 million in a few years salaries.

Therefore, you are responsible for all the portfolio holders as leader, and consultants are employed across all of Powys in different portfolio departments.

My question would be to you as leader, can you tell me how many consultants are currently employed by Powys County Council, and how much money do we pay as an authority pay these consultants per month?

Details of the consultants employed by the Council in 2014/15 are attached.

The Council has historically commissioned consultancy services to deliver specialist advice and services when these specialist skillsets were not available from within the Council. With ever decreasing funding from Welsh Government, there is significant pressure on the Council to dramatically and quickly change the way in which it delivers and / or works with others to deliver services. This pressure, coupled with the fact that the Council has and will need to continue to reduce the number of staff that it directly employs, means that the Council's capability for designing and delivering major transformational change projects without externally sourced advice and support is limited and the need to commission specialist consultancy services over the next few years is likely to increase. Without this specialist support, projects such as those associated with school and social care improvement are unlikely to be delivered in a timely and cost effective fashion. It is however acknowledged that the Council needs to continue to be very clear about the specification for commissioned consultancy work to ensure that such contracts deliver upon expectations both in terms of quality and timeliness but also offer value for money.

4CCN - Level 4 Cost Centre Name	Customer/Supplier Name	Amount(Sum of Transaction)
Adult Services & Commissioning	NDI CONSULTING LTD	7,000.00
Adult Services & Commissioning	SMARTSOURCING PLC	25,235.35
Adult Services & Commissioning	SOCIAL FIRMS WALES LIMITED	4,930.00
Adult Services & Commissioning	Total	37,165.35

4CCN - Level 4 Cost Centre Name	Customer/Supplier Name	Amount(Sum of Transaction)
Business Services	MIDLAND SOFTWARE LTD	3,875.72
Business Services	Total	3,875.72

4CCN - Level 4 Cost Centre Name	Customer/Supplier Name	Amount(Sum of Transaction)
Change And Governance	PLATFORM CONSULTANCY	4,150.00
	SILVERTHORN ASSOCIATES	12,000.00
	SOPRA GROUP LIMITED	53,138.00
	VIA K LIMITED	7,600.00
Change And Governance	Total	76,888.00

4CCN - Level 4 Cost Centre Name	Customer/Supplier Name	Amount(Sum of Transaction)
Corporate Activities	KPMG LLP	17,925.60
	PRICE WATERHOUSE COOPERS LLP	9,750.00
	THE HAY GROUP MANAGEMENT LTD	33,654.12
Corporate Activities	Total	61,329.72

4CCN - Level 4 Cost Centre Name	Customer/Supplier Name	Amount(Sum of Transaction)
Highways Transport And Recycl.	40SEVEN LIMITED	13,050.00
	CAPITA GLAMORGAN CONSULTANCY LTD	22,783.60
	CAPITA PROPERTY AND INFRASTRUCTURE LTD	199,588.60
	DAVID EDWARDS ASSOCIATES	14,705.19
	EDENVALE YOUNG ASSOCIATES LTD	4,475.00
	HYDER CONSULTING UK LIMITED	129,145.69
	MACRETE IRELAND LIMITED	33,189.00
	MRS GILLIAN E WRIGHT	12,392.96
	NORTHGATE INFORMATION SOLUTIONS UK LTD	176,787.50
Highways Transport And Recycl.	Total	606,117.54

4CCN - Level 4 Cost Centre Name	Customer/Supplier Name	Amount(Sum of Transaction)
Housing	CAPITA BUSINESS SERVICES LTD	5,000.00

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	CAPITA PROPERTY AND INFRASTRUCTURE LTD	4,800.00
	CAPITA TREASURY SOLUTIONS LTD	6,000.00
	MR GWYDION HUGHES	1,000.00
Housing	Total	129,598.70

4CCN - Level 4 Cost Centre Name	Customer/Supplier Name	Amount(Sum of Transaction)
Leisure And Recreation	V4 SERVICES LIMITED	97,006.50
Leisure And Recreation	Total	97,006.50

4CCN - Level 4 Cost Centre Name	Customer/Supplier Name	Amount(Sum of Transaction)
Professional Services	NORTHGATE INFORMATION SOLUTIONS UK LTD	63,175.00
Professional Services	Total	63,175.00

4CCN - Level 4 Cost Centre Name	Customer/Supplier Name	Amount(Sum of Transaction)
Regen, Property And Com	CAPITA BUSINESS SERVICES LTD	(1,228.85)
Regen, Property And Com	CAPITA PROPERTY AND INFRASTRUCTURE LTD	37,039.47
Regen, Property And Com	CHARLES COATS ASSOCIATES LTD	18,211.93
Regen, Property And Com	CPC PROJECT SERVICES LLP	17,700.00
Regen, Property And Com	HYWEL EVANS	3,657.50
Regen, Property And Com	JACOBS UK LIMITED	61,500.22
Regen, Property And Com	Total	136,880.27

4CCN - Level 4 Cost Centre Name	Customer/Supplier Name	Amount(Sum of Transaction)
Schools & Inclusion	PRICE WATERHOUSE COOPERS LLP	41,791.00
	Qi CONSULTING	80,650.00
Schools & Inclusion	Total	122,441.00

	Sum Total	1,334,477.80
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