

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor David Jones

**As part of the commissioning process has the Cabinet decided how many
Leisure/Sports Centres are to close and from which centres to commission
services?**

No decision has been made regarding the closure, if necessary, of any specific Leisure Centre or facility at individual Leisure Centres. As promised during the budget debates no decision will be made without consultation with the local communities, including local members and Town/Community Councils. As per the V4 and Programme Board timetable, the Business Plan is still being formulated, taking into account the past years' budget figures and individual Centre performance. An initial, draft, 'Sustainability of the Leisure Infrastructure options report' has been prepared by officers but no decisions made and options are, as indicated above, being investigated. Significant cost reductions will need to be made within the Leisure portfolio for the 2015/16 financial year, not the current year, and it is imperative that we look closely at where and how these reductions are made, taking into account the many changes necessary to deliver the One Plan and Change plan. The service delivery changes necessary cross many service areas and will affect many of our local communities.

Mindful of these two factors, i.e. the cost reduction target relating to 2015/16, and the need to understand the collective change and impact on individual communities, Cabinet feels, before a report is presented to it, members should be fully involved and a number of member workshops have been organised, the first being on 2nd May, the intention being to inform members and receive members feedback and opinion on the cumulative impact of all planned changes per community, and to then determine in which instances funding may best be withdrawn and from which centres if necessary.