

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
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**REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Arwel Jones, Portfolio Holder for
Education
Chief Executive**

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Gwilym Williams

Can the Cabinet member for schools Councillor Arwel Jones, and the Chief Executive Jeremy Patterson, inform me and the council members, when they were first became aware, that the Llanfyllin high school used its delegated budget to support school transport to their school? The reason that I am asking the Chief Executive is because he is head of Schools.

Portfolio Holder for Education

I refer to the question and would reply that I was only made aware of the issue in early January when the Wales Audit Office refused to sign off the accounts.

Chief Executive

I became fully aware that Llanfyllin High School had used their delegated budget to subsidise home to school transport when I was in receipt of an Internal Audit Report confirming this fact. The report was produced on 24th February 2016. I was first alerted to the likelihood that the school were using their delegated budget for this purpose in mid-December 2015. I was advised of the position by the Strategic Director for Resources.