

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council

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REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Barry Thomas, Leader

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Gary Price

You have endeavoured to be a champion of openness and transparency whilst being Leader of Powys County Council. Can you therefore explain why the use of a code name (project Alpha) has been used recently?

The phrase "Project Alpha" is being used to discuss confidential issues within the property office and in correspondence regarding the potential purchase of a piece of land. It is acknowledged by the Council that some issues need to be kept confidential during commercially sensitive purchase negotiations. This is to ensure that the Council's negotiating position is not divulged and so we can be assured that we gain the very best value for money for local residents. When the matter is concluded I will be very happy to inform the Council of the outcome.