

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Phil Pritchard

Question

Could you please tell me how many meetings were held between Powys CC Officers and representatives of The Church in Wales regarding the creation of two new schools in Welshpool to replace the current Oldford, Ardwyn, Gungrog and Maesydre schools?

Answer

The School Transformation project for Welshpool has been programme managed under the Schools Transformation Programme Board. In line with the other area reviews undertaken in the Ystradgynlais, Gwernyfed, John Beddoes, Llanidloes and Bro Dyfi catchment areas, the review has been undertaken through a facilitated area project board. The project board had representatives from the 5 initial schools included in the review together with representatives from other interested bodies including representation from the St Asaph Diocese.

As part of the work undertaken by the project board officers from the school service has supported the board and any sub groups of the group, this work has included meetings and telephone conversations with individuals or small groups of school representatives. During the process there has been a small number of discussions with the Diocesan Director of Education or her representative, the exact number of these discussions / meetings have not been recorded but are estimated to be under a total of 15. This would include discussions / meetings with the Portfolio holder, the head of schools service, the senior manager – central services and the senior manager- transformation within the schools service. A similar number of meetings, conversations etc. would have been held with representatives from each of the school involved in the review.