

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe

Question

Over the last couple of years the cabinet has supported free parking in pay and display carparks across the county to support local traders on the run up to Christmas. Will the new cabinet be introducing a similar scheme this year?

Answer

Christmas is an important time for all of us wherever we live in Powys and especially important for our businesses in our towns and villages who may rely on the Christmas trade to help them through the quiet months. The Cabinet's new vision concentrates of course on the economy and our willingness to be open and enterprising and to assist our residents and communities. It does not seem fitting to discuss this now but I am happy to say that I will be making an announcement on how the Council will be assisting all our Towns and Villages when we welcome Joanna Lumley to Brecon to switch on the Christmas lights in November.