

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**County Council  
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**REPORT AUTHOR: Portfolio Holder for Highways**

**SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor David Selby**

**Question**

**Could the Portfolio Holder indicate what steps he is taking to improve Council grass cutting services for next year?**

**Answer**

Grass cutting has been one of the major issues that the new Cabinet and indeed all members have had to deal with this year and as you may recall I was rather strict with the providers of the service in June of this year – with the result that I made all the County papers and BBC Online. I regret nothing and I am happy to say that they seem to have listened to my demands for a much better service and across the board there has been some improvement.

However I am currently conducting an intense review and looking at all contracts throughout all the county with a view to considering taking it back in house from March 2018.

This would seem to be the favoured approach from residents and councillors who would like to see a return to the normal service prior to this being contracted out to other suppliers. This is my ambitious goal at this time and I look forward to making a full council announcement in the near future.