

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

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

**Question**

**On the County Council's Garth small holding estate in Guilsfield there are two houses that have been unoccupied for some time. One for three years and one for two years. How much has the council tax fund actually received for these two properties up to the 30<sup>th</sup> September this year?**

**Answer**

The two vacant dwellings at Garth form part of a larger complex of buildings, including a substantial range of grade II listed model farm buildings.

Our intention is to offer the site for sale with planning consent for residential conversion. Securing planning consent has not been straightforward- a planning application submitted last October was withdrawn to allow access and design details to be reviewed, with further consultation with CADW, prior to resubmission.

The two dwellings were part of larger farm units- in both cases land has been amalgamated with adjoining units; the 2 dwellings, the farm buildings and surrounding amenity land (all to be sold as a single lot upon determination of the planning application) remain in-hand as part of the County Farms Portfolio until formally declared surplus and marketing commences.

The council tax paid by the County Farms Service for the two properties since they become unoccupied is outlined below:

1. Garth Holdings, Guilsfield, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 9BX  
Band F  
Empty (unoccupied and unfurnished) since 24.3.2016  
First 6 months exemption applied  
Then up to 31 Mar 2017 Full charged @ £975.36  
1 Apr 2017 onwards Premium applied and paid full year @£2950.56  
Total paid up until 31.3.2018 £3925.92

2. Heylin, Guilsfield, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 9BX  
Band E  
Empty (E&U) since 31.12.2014  
First 6 months exemption applied  
Up to 31 Mar 2017 Full charged @ £2753.49  
Apr 2017 onwards Premium applied and paid full year @ £2496.63  
Total paid up until 31.3.2018 £5250.12