

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**County Council  
12<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Aled Davies, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Countryside and Transport**

**SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Kelvyn Curry**

**To ask the Portfolio Holder to confirm whether or not Powys County Council submitted a response to the UK Government's consultation on proposed changes to the issuing of Section 19 and 22 Minibus permits to community transport providers and:-**

- a) if the Council did produce a response to provide a copy of that response to all members, and**
- b) if the Council did not produce a response to explain why it did not do so?**

**Response**

The Council does recognise the value of the community transport sector and Members may be aware of the steps we are currently taking in order to try and protect the sector.

However, in discussion with officers, we formed the view that it would not be appropriate for PCC to respond to consultation on Section 19 and 22 Minibus permits.

The reason for this is that Powys County Council is currently a body that issues Section 19 permits to the community transport sector. These permits currently enable community transport schemes to operate in the way that has caused the concern with the regulators and the commercial sector. As Powys County Council also spends a significant amount of money locally with the commercial sector, officers were of the view that responding to the consultation may suggest to either sector that the Council favours one not the other.