CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor John Morris

I am sure you will agree that Crickhowell High School is a high achieving successful school despite it being the lowest financed school per pupil in Powys.

At your recent visit to Crickhowell Town Council, I note from the approved minutes of the council that when questioned about the capital funding for Crickhowell High School compared to other High Schools in the area you stated that:

Powys's responsibility is to provide infrastructure for Powys' children not out of county children.

Does Powys discriminate against schools who take out of county pupils when considering its capital spend, which schools take out of county pupils across Powys and does the Welsh government support your stance on this issue?

Response:

Capital funding for schools in Powys is prioritised on the basis of condition, suitability and sustainability which align with the Welsh Government's priorities for capital investment. The issue in Crickhowell HS is one of suitability in terms of space to accommodate all pupils. Officers are currently working with Crickhowell High School to find build solutions to meet the needs of the school and the authority is investing a £1m to address these needs.