

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

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REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Myfanwy Alexander, Portfolio Holder for Learning and Welsh Language

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor David Jones

The Cabinet put out the following press release on 11 April:

“More than £5m will be spent on Powys schools in coming three financial years as part of a major improvement plan, following a decision by Powys County Council’s cabinet.

Meeting in Llandrindod Wells today (April 10) the cabinet approved an annual improvement fund of more than £2m for primary and secondary school improvement projects for the next two financial years with a further £1m earmarked for 2020/2021.

Cabinet Member for Schools, Councillor Myfanwy Alexander said: “We are investing in schools right across the county, in primary, secondary and special schools to improve the learning environment for learners and staff.

“I am particularly pleased to see investment to improve access for those with physical disabilities. It is important that pupils with disabilities can attend mainstream schools if they so-choose.”

The planned works will include £374,000 for major refurbishment at Llangattock Primary School, replacing unsuitable teaching areas, new toilets facilities and additional early years space, a £290,000 investment over three phases to improve pedestrian access, car park expansion and re-surfacing surface work at Rhayader Church in Wales School, and £100,000 each for Brynlllywarch and Crickhowell schools for new boundary fences to improve security at the premises.

Roof and window improvement work, along with improvement work to a science block at Newtown High School will require investment of more than £330,000 over the next three financial years, Caereinion High School will see £300,000 spend over three years to improve toilet facilities and improve disabled access.

Llandrindod High School will see roof and internal improvements cost more than £500,000 during a three phased programme and the town’s Trefonnen School will have a £133,000 extension for early years’ provision.

A full list of the improvement programme can be found at:
<http://powys.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=137>”

Who authorised the press release to go out?

Response

The press release was authorised by the Portfolio Holder for Learning and the Welsh Language, Cllr Myfanwy Alexander.