

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Matthew Dorrance

Does the Cabinet think it's fair to ask Learning Support Assistants in Schools to fund a £15 registration fee to enable them to do their jobs?

The Council, in common with the majority of other councils in Wales, responded to the Education Workforce Council's consultation on this proposal by making it clear that it did not support the introduction of registration fees for Learning Support Assistants and the additional financial burden that it would bring, either to the Council or the Learning Support Assistants themselves. The Cabinet has yet to make a formal decision on this matter but the Council's policy on the payment of professional and registration fees is currently being reviewed to ensure that whatever decision is taken, there is equity in the provisions for all staff.