

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor David Jones

There has been a trend to reduce the percentage of funding to schools from the total education budget whilst increasing the percentage funding to central services. Has she any plans to reverse this trend bearing in mind best practice?

Response

One of the reasons the percentage delegated has decreased was mainly due to the fact that the age of admission changed from 4 to 5 two years ago. The likely % of delegated fund compared to the total Schools budget in 201819 is 74.74% based on the information from the Section 52 RA. Schools Service is having to find significant cuts over the next two years, and schools have not had those cuts imposed on them, therefore the % of delegated funds will increase as schools have been protected. Schools are being scrutinised in an attempt to drive efficiencies through new ways of working to ensure they are getting best value for money from their funding.