

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
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REPORT AUTHOR: Portfolio Holder for Education and Property

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe

Can the portfolio holder please provide the costs to the Gwernyfed primary cluster (per school) on general maintenance by year since the new schools opened? Several schools are facing the same design issues/ faults, impacting the budgets of these schools. The school process promised fit for purpose schools, yet the same problems highlight poor construction and design across the catchment. Can the council also arrange a meeting with heads and chairs to discuss ongoing issues and identify where Powys needs to support the financial impact. An example is the school new buildings were originally signed off as safe (in the case of the kitchens' roller shutters which have now been classified as not fire-proof, therefore not fit for purpose). If Powys county council is serious about its school's programme, then an assessment of this catchment is paramount to ensure its success is delivered.

Response

Attached are the property plus transactions for the Gwernyfed primary school cluster. Property Officers are available to meet Head Teachers and/or Chairs of Governors on site to discuss any ongoing maintenance/design issues. If you wish to take up this offer please contact Neil Clutton, Principal Property Manager (neil.clutton@powys.gov.uk). With regards to the canteen roller shutters, the Strategic Property team have informed me that the roller hatch does not need to be fire rated as it does not form part of the fire compartment.