

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Pete Roberts  
Cabinet Member for a Learning Powys**

**SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Elwyn Vaughan**

**During the discussions on the Marches Partnership in the Cabinet meeting on 19/09 it was noted that the education portfolio holder stated -**

**Powys is intending to offer Welsh medium education to children from England as part of a new partnership with the counties over the border. Powys will be co-operating with Monmouthshire, Herefordshire and Shropshire on matters including transport, housing, the environment and energy.**

**The council's education portfolio holder, Pete Roberts said "there are many families in Oswestry coming from Welsh-speaking backgrounds". "So I hope one of these opportunities will be working with colleagues in Oswestry and along the border to extend the ability for families to take part in Welsh medium education."**

**In noting this, what consideration has been given to the European minority or Regional languages Charter and those powers in this context?**

**Given that a review is being held of the schools in the Llanfyllin area, including the future of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, how is it anticipated that the task of providing access to Welsh medium education to those from Oswestry would be undertaken better, and what is the timetable?**

**Response**

Your previous correspondence with me in regards to the European minority or Region Languages Charter was one of the factors in identifying this potential opportunity as it offers a way forward in confirming responsibilities for the provision of school transport.

In terms of the impact on the wider catchment review. The way forward approved by Cabinet identifies [Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant](#) as a site for extending Welsh medium in the NW of the catchment and there are further opportunities in Welsh Stream or Welsh medium education within reach of Oswestry and Shrewsbury.

In the medium term the review also identifies the possibility of developing further Welsh Medium provision in one of the settlements along the A483 between Welshpool and the county border. As a first stage the plans call for the enhancement of Cylch Meithrin and Ti a Fi provision in the area. Given the good road links to Oswestry support from across the border may strengthen the business case for moving forward with this proposition.