



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL**

25th NOVEMBER 2020

MEMBERS QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES &
COMMUNICATION.**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present the order of questions in respect of the Members Questions on Notice, following the amendment to the process agreed at the [Council AGM 2019](#).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Receive the Questions and any supplementary questions proposed, as in accordance with the running order advised upon in 4.3 of the report, which should not exceed a 20 minute time period.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 As agreed at the Council AGM on the 15th May, 2019, Members agreed to amend Council Procedure Rule 9.2 in respect of Members Questions on Notice.

4. MEMBERS QUESTION ON NOTICE

- 4.1 The closing date for receipt of Members Questions on Notice to the Council Business Unit for the 25th November Council meeting was 5pm on the 12th November 2020.
- 4.2 Thirty questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 16th November 2020, to determine the running order of the questions at the Council Meeting.
- 4.3 The results of the ballot are outlined below:-

Number	Question
1	<p>From County Borough Councillor S Rees to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Leader of the Council make a statement on the Test, Trace, Protect regional service?”</p>
2	<p>From County Borough Councillor S Pickering to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Leader update on progress on Storm Dennis repairs across the County?”</p>
3	<p>From County Borough Councillor G Stacey to the Deputy Leader of the Council County Borough Councillor M Webber:</p> <p>“How is this Council supporting employment in Rhondda Cynon Taf during the Covid 19 Pandemic”</p>
4	<p>From County Borough Councillor P Jarman to the Deputy Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor M Webber:</p> <p>“Which Council Staff are designated Key Workers?”</p>
5	<p>From County Borough Councillor G Jones to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D R Bevan:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member please highlight what support is available, to businesses in RCT during the coronavirus pandemic”</p>
6	<p>From County Borough Councillor E George to the Cabinet Member for Education and Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please outline what support is in place for children in receipt of Free School Meals?”</p>
7	<p>From County Borough Councillor L De Vet to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Well-being and Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R Lewis:</p> <p>“Would the Cabinet Member please update Members on the work of the Climate Change Steering Committee?”</p>

8	<p>From County Borough Councillor G Holmes to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Does the Council Leader think the recent Firebreak lock down has worked and will there be another after Christmas?”</p>
9	<p>From County Borough Councillor H Fychan to the Deputy Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor m Webber:</p> <p>“Can the Deputy Leader please provide an update on the Council’s Communications strategy?”</p>
10	<p>From County Borough Councillor E Griffiths to the Cabinet Member for Education and Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:</p> <p>“Fel y gwyddoch, rydym yn dal i weld cyfnodau byr pan fo plant a phobl ifanc yn gorfod cael eu dysgu mewn modd cyfunol, oherwydd eu bod o dan glo neu oherwydd eu bod yn hunan ynysu yn sgil y system Tracio, Profi ag Olrhain. Gall yr aeled Cabinet dros Blant amlinellu sut gallwn fod yn siwr fod gan bob plentyn yn RhCT offer TG a mynediad i’r wê sydd ei angen iddyn fedri parhau gyda’u haddysg?”</p> <p>“As you are all aware, we are still seeing short periods of time where children and young people have to be taught through blended learning, either as a result of lockdown or as a result of isolation due to being contacted as a potential contacts through the Track, Trace and Protect programme. Can the cabinet member for children’s services outline how we can be sure that all children and young people in RCT have the IT and internet connectivity that they need to continue with their Education from home?”</p>
11	<p>From County Borough Councillor M Forey to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“How is the council intending to support recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic in the future?”</p>
12	<p>From County Borough Councillor Sheryl Evans to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure and Heritage Services, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the latest recycling figures for RCT?”</p>

13	<p>From County Borough Councillor J Cullwick to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Mae corona-feirws wedi bod yn drasiedi enfawr, ond mae hefyd wedi bod yn fuddugoliaeth i Gymru. Mae Cymru wedi dod at ei gilydd, mae Rhondda Cynon Taf wedi dod at ei gilydd ac mae pob plaid wleidyddol wedi ymladd gyda'i gilydd i leihau nifer y marwolaethau trasig sydd gan ein ffrindiau, ein cymdogion a'n teulu.</p> <p>“Mae llawer yn y byd yn credu bod Cymru wedi ymdrin â'r pandemig hwn yn well na'r tair gwlad arall yn y Deyrnas Unedig. Pwy, yn eich barn chi, sydd wedi bod yn gyfrifol yn y pen draw am iechyd yng Nghymru yn ystod y cyfnod hwn? Mark Drakeford neu Boris Johnson neu rywun arall?”</p> <p>Coronavirus has been a huge tragedy, but it has also been a triumph for Wales. Wales has come together, RCT has come together and all political parties here have fought together to minimise hospital admissions and reduce the number of tragic deaths of our friends, neighbours and family.</p> <p>Many in the world believe Wales has handled this pandemic better than the other three nations of the United Kingdom.</p> <p>Who, in your opinion, Leader, has been ultimately responsible for health in Wales during this period? Mark Drakeford or Boris Johnson or somebody else?”</p>
14	<p>From County Borough Councillor S M Powell to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“In what ways does the Council engage with residents to reinforce the key public health messages around Covid-19?”</p>
15	<p>From County Borough Councillor G Hughes to the Deputy Leader, County Borough Councillor M Webber:</p> <p>“Could the Deputy leader provide an update on progress of the Welsh Government’s introduction on lowering the voting age to 16 and what steps this council is taking to engage with those who are or will be newly enfranchised?”</p>
16	<p>From County Borough Councillor R Yeo to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Leader/Cabinet Member please make a statement on visiting arrangements at care homes across the County?”</p>

17	<p>From County Borough Councillor D Grehan to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>"Yn dilyn yr holl ddifrod sydd wedi digwydd i'r adeilad yn ddiweddar, a'r costau cynyddol o ddiogelu'r adeilad yn erbyn rhagor o ddifrod, allwch chi rhoi diweddariad ar y gwaith sydd wedi digwydd i sicrhau prynwr ar gyfer safle'r hen ysgol ar School Street, Tonyrefail?"</p> <p>"Following the recent damage to the building, and the increasing costs associated with protecting the building from further damage, could you provide an update on the work that has been done to obtain a buyer for the former school site on School Street, Tonyrefail?"</p>
18	<p>From County Borough Councillor H Boggis to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, T Leyshon</p> <p>"In light of the coronavirus pandemic, can the Cabinet Member for Children's Services confirm whether the Santa Appeal still be taking place this year?"</p>
19	<p>From County Borough Councillor G Caple to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>"What impact will the establishment of the Lighthouse Lab in Newport have on testing for residents in Rhondda Cynon Taf?"</p>
20	<p>From County Borough Councillor J Elliott to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>"Can the Council Leader please provide an update on the various flood schemes planned and ongoing across RCT, including for the Cwmbach ward?"</p>
21	<p>From County Borough Councillor G R Davies to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D R Bevan:</p> <p>A wnech chi datganiad ar Dwristiaeth yn pen uchaf y Rhondda fawr?</p> <p>Will you make a statement regarding tourism in the upper Rhondda Fawr?</p>

22	<p>From County Borough Councillor S Bradwick to the Deputy Leader, County Borough Councillor M Webber:</p> <p>“Could the Deputy Leader make a statement on the progress of the Local Government Bill?”</p>
23	<p>From County Borough Councillor J Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Is there a protocol for advising Elected Members when non-emergency Highways works will be carried out in their wards?”</p>
24	<p>From County Borough Councillor M Griffiths to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Leader update on representations made to the UK Government on the Comprehensive Spending Review?”</p>
25	<p>From County Borough Councillor E Webster to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, County Borough Councillor M Norris:</p> <p>“When an elected member contacts the member customer care line and a case is raised, how is the casework dealt with and who has authorisation to view its content?”</p>
26	<p>From County Borough Councillor G Thomas to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D R Bevan:</p> <p>“Can you provide an update on the ZipWorld Development in terms of progress and if a planned opening date is known?”</p>
27	<p>From County Borough Councillor W Lewis to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D R Bevan:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member make a statement on the number of social housing units being developed across RCT and update on the level of demand for good quality affordable rental properties?”</p>
28	<p>From County Borough Councillor J Bonetto to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Leader give an update on the plans for the new Train Station in Treforest Estate?”</p>

29	<p>From County Borough Councillor S Rees-Owen to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet member provide an update on the track and trace system within Rhondda Cynon Taf, which the Council takes a lead on delivering with-in the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board region please”</p>
30	<p>From County Borough Councillor L M Adams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Council Leader make a statement on the work of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal?”</p>

- 4.4 At the Council meeting a maximum of 20 minutes shall be allowed for Questions on Notice. Any questions that are not dealt with in this time limit shall fall. Any questions on notice not answered will need to be resubmitted to the Proper Officer for the next full Council meeting in accordance with these rules.

5. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

- 5.1 The amendment to the Council Procedure Rule in respect of Members Questions was considered and agreed at the Council AGM 2019, following consultation with the Corporate Governance & Constitution Committee

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The amendment to the Council procedure rule taken forward at the Council AGM, allows the opportunity for more Members to ask a question at Council

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 8.1 The report has been prepared in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.2.

9. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES.

- 9.1 The opportunity for Members to propose questions at Council meetings allows Members to receive information which potentially detail the Council priorities. It also embraces the Future Generations Act as all work and decisions taken by Council seek to improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the County Borough.

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 Detailing the procedure for Members Questions on Notice assists in transparency for both Members and for public engagement.

Other Information:-

Relevant Scrutiny Committee – Overview & Scrutiny Committee

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background Papers

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