



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL**

16th DECEMBER 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 16th December Council meeting was 5pm on the 3rd December 2020.
- 4.2 Twenty three questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 7th December 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 P Jarman to the Cabinet Member for Adult Community Services & Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor G Hopkins:</p> <p>“Please will you make a statement on how the Council supported Direct Payment for disabled adults and their carers during the Pandemic”</p>
2	<p>From County Borough Councillor S. Morgans to the Cabinet Member for Education and Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J. Rosser:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the developments to increase the capacity of Welsh Medium Education?”</p>
3	<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>
4	<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>
5	<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>
6	<p>From County Borough Councillor Dan Owen-Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“How is the Council supporting partner agencies in preparing for mass vaccination against COVID-19?”</p>
7	<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>
8	<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>
9	<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>
10	<p>From County Borough Councillor P Howe to the Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:</p> <p>“Will you make a statement on Lyn y Fforwen Welsh School Ferndale please”</p>
11	<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>
12	<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>
13	<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>
14	<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>

15	<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>
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 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>
18	<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>
19	<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>
20	<p>From County Borough Councillor M Griffiths to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Has the planning policy of RCT Council been adapted to respond to the challenges of climate change and, in particular, does RCT Council have a policy relating to development on flood plains and a policy relating to the replacement of trees which are removed to make way for development?”</p>
21	<p>From County Borough Councillor H Boggis to the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, T Leyshon:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services please provide an update on this year’s Santa Appeal?”</p>

22	<p>From County Borough Councillor T. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Leader please make a statement on the extension of the mass testing pilot to the lower Cynon Valley?”</p>
23	<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 ddatganiad ar dwristiaeth yn mhen uchaf Cwm Rhondda Fawr?”</p> <p>“Will you make a statement on tourism in the Upper Rhondda Fawr area?”</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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