



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL**

10th February 2021

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 10th February Council meeting was 5pm on the 28th January 2021.
- 4.2 Eighteen questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 1st February 2021, 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 M. Forey to the Deputy Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor M Webber:</p> <p>“Will the Deputy Leader please outline what plans are being developed to facilitate hybrid meetings in the future when restrictions allow?”</p>
2	<p>From County Borough Councillor H Boggis to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Well-being & Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor Cllr R Lewis:</p> <p>“How is the Council continuing to support local food banks?”</p>
3	<p>From County Borough Councillor J Brencher to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure & Heritage Services, County Borough Councillor A Crimmings:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the work at Ynysangharad War Memorial park?”</p>
4	<p>From County Borough Councillor M Powell to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>"Will Cllr. Morgan give members an update on where the council is with regards the repair or demolition of the Berw Rd bridge please?"</p>
5	<p>From County Borough Councillor M. Griffiths to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D R Bevan:</p> <p>“Has the planning policy of RCT Council been adapted to respond to the challenges of climate change and, in particular, does the Council have a policy relating to the replacement of trees which are removed to make way for development?”</p>
6	<p>From County Borough Councillor E. George to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“What funding is being provided by the Welsh Government to support costs incurred by Welsh Local Authorities during the COVID-19 pandemic?”</p>
7	<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>

8	<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>
9	<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>
10	<p>From County Borough Councillor R Yeo to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Leader please make a statement on visiting arrangements at care homes across the County?”</p>
11	<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>
12	<p>From County Borough Councillor P Jarman to the Deputy Leader, County Borough Councillor M Webber:</p> <p>“To date, how many staff have been furloughed by the Council since the start of the Pandemic? “</p>
13	<p>From County Borough Councillor G. Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Council Leader please provide an update on the Zipworld development and outline the expected local impact in terms of jobs and local economy.”</p>
14	<p>From County Borough Councillor S Rees to the Chair of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, County Borough Councillor S Rees-Owen:</p> <p>“What consideration has your Committee afforded to the Council’s response to support distanced learning during the pandemic period”</p>

15	<p>From County Borough Councillor A S Fox to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Leader make a statement on the recent findings of the report on maternity services at Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB?”</p>
16	<p>From County Borough Councillor S.M. Powell to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Wellbeing and Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</p> <p>“How is this Council progressing plans for the introduction of Electric Charge Points throughout Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>
17	<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>
18	<p>From County Borough Councillor E Stephens to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Ydych chi wedi bod mewn trafodaeth gyda'r awdurdod glo ynglyn a'r cwmpiau tir ddiweddar ar draws y Sir?”</p> <p>“Have you been in discussion with the coal authority regarding the recent landslides across the County?”</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

[Council AGM 2019.](#)

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