



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

14th JULY 2021

MEMBERS QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION.

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. A further amendment was made to Council Procedure Rule 9.2 at the Council AGM on the 26th May 2021 in respect of supplementary questions following expiry of the 20 minute time duration. [Council AGM 2021](#)

4. MEMBERS QUESTION ON NOTICE

- 4.1 The closing date for receipt of Members Questions on Notice to the Council Business Unit for the Council meeting on the 14th July 2021 was 5pm on the 1st July 2021.
- 4.2 Seventeen questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 5th July 2021, to determine the running order of the questions at the Council Meeting. However, due to an administrative error the 17th question is withdrawn.
- 4.3 The results of the ballot are outlined below:-

Number	Corresponding Question
1	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor A. S. Fox to the Deputy Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor M. Webber:</p> <p>“How does this Council support its local Armed Forces community?”</p>
2	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor E Webster to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“What happens when a major river defence wall in the borough is in danger of collapse, but there is no identifiable owner with riparian rights?”</p>
3	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor K Morgan to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the member make a statement on the Highways Infrastructure in the village of Hirwaun please”.</p>
4	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M. Griffiths to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Has the Leader, through this Council or the WLGA, received any update on the implementation of the U.K. Government’s Shared Prosperity Fund, which is supposed to be replacing EU Structural Funds?”</p>
5	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Morgans to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure and Heritage Services, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member please make a statement on recycling in Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>
6	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Yeo to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Council Leader make a statement on the plans to develop the North West Transport Corridor?”</p>

7	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Leader outline this Council’s plans to develop an Integrated Transport Network across the County Borough?”</p>
8	<p>Question 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>
9	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Bradwick to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Leader of the Council provide an update on the progress of flood alleviation scheme bids for the forthcoming year please?”</p>
10	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Owen-Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“What implications does the recent Welsh Government announcement to review major roadbuilding schemes in Wales have for Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>
11	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J Davies to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Can you update me on the package of support you agreed for paddling pools for the summer of 2021 please?”</p>
12	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G R Davies to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“A wnewch chi ddatganiad ar isadeiledd trafnidiaeth yn pen uchaf y Rhondda Fawr?” “Will you make a statement on the transport infrastructure in the Upper Rhondda Fawr area?”</p>

13	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M. Forey to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D. R. Bevan:</p> <p>“How is the Council supporting our town centres to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, both in the immediate future and over the longer term?”</p>
14	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M Powell to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>"Would the Cabinet Member say what RCTCBC is and has done to remove "rat runs" through residential areas to reduce the environmental damage and increase road safety to residents?"</p>
15	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor P Jarman to the Cabinet Member for Adult Community Services and the Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor G. Hopkins:</p> <p>“Does the Council have Intergenerational Policies?”</p>
16	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor L. M. Adams to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, County Borough Councillor M. A. Norris:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member provide an update on the Council’s Free Town Centre Wi-Fi rollout?”</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 amendments to the Council Procedure Rule in respect of Members Questions was considered and agreed at the Council’s AGM 2019 and AGM 2021, following consultation with the 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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