



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL

20th OCTOBER 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 20th October 2021 was 5pm on the 7th October 2021.
- 4.2 Twenty-one questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 12th October 2021, to determine the running order of the questions at the Council Meeting.
- 4.3 The results of the ballot are outlined below:-

Number	Corresponding Question
1	<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>
2	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor E. George to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Leader of the Council outline what discussions are ongoing through the WLGA or directly through RCT in relation to next year’s Budget settlement?”</p>
3	<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	<p>Question 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 for Education and Inclusion Services please provide an update on the plans to develop a new Welsh Medium school in Ferndale to replace Ysgol Llyn-Y-Forwyn?”</p>
5	<p>Question 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>
6	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Bonetto to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Council Leader provide an update on what discussions have been held with Transport for Wales on the South Wales Metro plans and how far advanced is the preparation works for the electrification of the Valleys lines?”</p>

7	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor P Jarman to the Chair of the Licensing Committee County Borough Councillor A S Fox:</p> <p>“Please will you make a statement on the work of your Committee in relation to the granting, issuing and suspension of Licences?”</p>
8	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor W. Lewis to the Cabinet Member for Adult Services and the Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor G. Hopkins:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please make a statement on the recent decision of Cabinet to extend the payment of the Real Living Wage to Council contracted adult independent social care sector workers?”</p>
9	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. P. Thomas to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Council Leader provide an update on the Zip World attraction in terms of jobs created, visitor numbers to the attraction so far and the potential economic boost to the County?”</p>
10	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. Caple to the Cabinet Member for Adult Services and the Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor G. Hopkins:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the development of an Extra Care facility in Porth?”</p>
11	<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>
12	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Brencher to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Wellbeing and Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member please provide a progress update on the Muni in Pontypridd?”</p>

13	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Edwards to the Deputy Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor M. Webber:</p> <p>“Can the Deputy Leader provide an update on the Council’s apprenticeship and graduate programmes, including the number of new places created since 2017 and could there be an overview of the recent awards the Council received in relation to this scheme?”</p>
14	<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>
15	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor K Morgan to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure & Heritage Services, County Borough Councillor A Crimmings:</p> <p>“What criteria is used to determine which playgrounds in RCT are allocated funding for necessary refurbishments and who is involved in the decision making?”</p>
16	<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 pause major roadbuilding schemes in Wales have for Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>
17	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Barton to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“What action can the Council take to improve road safety and reduce speeding traffic in local communities?”</p>
18	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor P Howe to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure & Heritage Services, County Borough Councillor A Crimmings:</p> <p>“Could you please give an update on the changing rooms at Ferndale Darren Park?”</p>
19	<p>Question 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 wnewch chi ddatganiad ar twristiaeth my mhenuchaf y Rhondda Fawr? Can you make a statement on tourism in the Upper Rhondda Fawr area?”</p>

<p>20</p>	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Williams to the Cabinet Member for Education and Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J. Rosser:</p> <p>“Are you able to provide more information on the recent announcement that the Cabinet has approved further funding for 21st Century Schools improvements, specifically relating to the proposal for Glyncoch?”</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. Holmes to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Council Leader update on the completion and subsequent marketing of Llys Cadwyn in Pontypridd?”</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

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