



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL

15 DECEMBER 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 15th December 2021 was 5pm on the 2nd December 2021.
- 4.2 Thirty-two questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 7th December 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 A. Cox to the Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services County Borough Councillor J Rosser:</p> <p>"What preparations are CBS RCT making for the proposed introduction of free school meals for all primary pupils in Wales"</p>
2	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. Holmes to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>"The Welsh Government has announced that families on low income and qualifying benefits will receive £100 to help them with their utility bills this winter. Can the Council Leader provide further information on this and how many householders do we think will benefit from this in RCT?"</p>
3	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Williams to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure and Heritage Services, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>"Can the Cabinet Member update on recycling figures so far this year and confirm whether we are still on course to meet the Welsh Government targets?"</p>
4	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. Caple to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>"Will the Leader please make a statement on how this Council is working with Trivallis and other social housing providers to deliver environmental improvements?"</p>
5	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Yeo to the Deputy Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor M. Webber:</p> <p>"Can the Deputy Leader update on the graduate and apprenticeship programme in terms of the numbers and in to what professions they have joined?"</p>
6	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. Stacey to the Cabinet Member for Adult Services and the Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor G. Hopkins:</p> <p>"Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on what work the Council is doing to assist with delayed discharge from hospital?"</p>

7	<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 outline what bids have been and are planned to be made to the Welsh Government for upgrading culverts and flood alleviation schemes?”</p>
8	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Rees to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Leader please make a statement on the Council’s budget planning ahead of the next financial year?”</p>
9	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor P. Jarman to County Borough Councillor M. Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services:</p> <p>“Please will you make a statement on the main function areas that your portfolio is accountable and responsible for?”</p>
10	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. R. Davies to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure and Heritage Services, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>“A wnech chi ddatganiad ar cyflesterau chwareon ym Mhen uchaf y Rhondda Fawr?”</p> <p>“Can you make a statement on sports facilities in the upper Rhondda Fawr area?”</p>
11	<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>
12	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Grehan to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Wellbeing and Cultural Services County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</p> <p>"All yr aelod perthnasol o'r cabinet rhoi diweddariad ar y cynlluniau sydd ar gyfer cynyddu'r nifer o bwyntiau gwefru ceir trydan trwy'r sir, a pha gynlluniau penodol sydd ar gyfer strydoedd tai teras?"</p> <p>“Can the relevant Cabinet Member give an update on the plans in place for increasing the number of electric vehicle charging points available in the county, and what specific plans are there for streets with terraced houses?”</p>

13	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor L Walker to the Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services County Borough Councillor J Rosser:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services update me on the proposed site for the New 21st Century Special school in Rhondda Cynon Taf “</p>
14	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor A. S. Fox to the Deputy Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor M. Webber:</p> <p>“How is this Council supporting the local Armed Forces community?”</p>
15	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Turner to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Highways please give an update on the latest position with regards to the Llanharan Footbridge?”</p>
16	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Edwards to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Leader please give an update on the improvement works to the culverts in Ynyshir, particularly above Heath Terrace?”</p>
17	<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 make a statement on the Council's investment in outdoor leisure facilities?”</p>
18	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor H. Boggis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“The Welsh Labour Government has stated as part of the cooperation agreement they plan to expand Free School Meals to all primary pupils following their manifesto commitment to review Free School Meals in the May elections. Can the Leader tell Members how many more children will benefit from this in RCT?”</p>

19	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor E. Griffiths to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Well-being and Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</p> <p>Mae hi bellach yn wybyddus i bawb fod anadlu awyr gwenwynig yn effeithio ar iechyd corfforol a meddyliol. Mae awyr llygredig yn ysylltiedig ag asthma, sgiliau gwybyddol gwanach, gor-dewdra ag anhwylderau a chyflyrrau meddyliol fel ADHD.</p> <p>All yr Aelod o'r Cabinet ar faterion Cymunedau Cadarn, Llesiant a Gwasanaethau Diwylliannol roi diweddariad am yr hyn mae'r Cyngor yn ei wneud o ran asesu lefelau llygredd awyr mewn amser 'go iawn' tu allan i bob ysgol yn Rhondda Cynon Tâf?</p> <p>It is now well recognised that breathing toxic air negatively impacts physical and mental health. Air pollution is associated with asthma, poorer cognitive function, obesity and mental disorders and conditions such as ADHD.</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Well-being and Cultural Services provide an update on what action the Council is taking to assess real time air pollution levels around every school in RCT?</p>
20	<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>
21	<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>
22	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>'Will you make a statement on tip safety in the County?'</p>
23	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor Sheryl . Evans 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>

24	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Brencher to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Leader update on PPE supplies and if we have stock available should the country see an increase in cases due to the new variant?”</p>
25	<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>
26	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M. Griffiths to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the leader update on budget discussions with the Welsh Government in his role as WLGA Leader?”</p>
27	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor W. Treeby to the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, County Borough Councillor C. Leyshon:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the Santa Appeal and the huge generosity shown by residents and businesses?”</p>
28	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor A. Roberts to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Wellbeing and Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member please make a statement on the Council’s work with Voluntary and Third Sector organisations in Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>
29	<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>
30	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor T. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Leader provide an overview of the works completed to date to help protect residents of Bronallt Terrace in Abercwmboi from flooding, and can the Leader also outline whether further measures can be taken?”</p>

31	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor W. Lewis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“With the change in working practices due to the pandemic what is the Council doing to support co-working spaces?”</p>
32	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Bonetto to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, County Borough Councillor M. A. Norris:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please outline the latest position on the Taff’s Well Thermal Spring project, in light of the good progress made to deliver the improvements to Ffynnon Taf Primary School?”</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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