



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

6th July 2022

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 6th July 2022 was 5pm on the 23rd June 2022.
- 4.2 Twenty Two questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 28th June 2022, 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. Davis to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>“With another round of investment in play areas across RCT announced recently, can the Cabinet Member please confirm whether this remains a priority for the new administration going forward?”</p>
2	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D Grehan to the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities County Borough Councillor B. Harris:</p> <p>“Mae arfer bresennol o osod pobl ifanc i fyw yng nghanol ardaloedd preswyl a ddatblygwyd yn wreiddiol ar gyfer pobl hŷn i fyw yn creu problemau enfawr. Ydy'r Cyngor yn fodlon ystyried, unwaith eto, neilltuo rhai ardaloedd preswyl ar gyfer pobl hŷn yn unig?”</p> <p>“The current practice of placing young people in residential areas that were originally developed for older residents is creating significant problems. Once again, is the Council willing to consider allocating some residential areas for older residents only?”</p>
3	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor A. S. Fox to the Cabinet Member for Public Health & Communities, County Borough Councillor B. Harris:</p> <p>“How is this Council taking action to improve public safety in communities?”</p>
4	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M. Powell to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Would the Leader consider upwards of 5 years a long enough time for RCTCBC to devise and implement, with a policy that includes business permits, an extension to the existing residential parking permit area in the Trallwn Ward?”</p>
5	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M. Maohoub 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>
6	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor L. Addiscott to the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Corporate Services, County Borough Councillor C. Leyshon:</p> <p>“How is this Council progressing plans for the introduction of Electric Charge Points throughout Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>

7	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Emanuel to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“How is the Council supporting low-income households to meet the pressures of increasing household fuel costs?”</p>
8	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor W. Hughes to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on the Council’s investment in outdoor leisure facilities?”</p>
9	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor K. Morgan to the Leader County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“ Will the Leader provide a progress report on plans to provide a passenger train service to Hirwaun and Rhigos, including timescales”</p>
10	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“How will this Council go about delivering on the manifesto commitments of the RCT Labour Group over the course of this Council term?”</p>
11	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Williams to the Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member outline the next steps for the development of a new school to serve the Glyncoch community and its residents?”</p>
12	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. Hopkins to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Leader please give an update on the latest position with regards to the Llanharan Footbridge?”</p>
13	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor L. Ellis to the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Council Business, County Borough Councillor M. Webber:</p> <p>“Can the Deputy Leader and Armed Forces Champion outline what support is available from the Council to the local Armed Forces community?”</p>

14	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor L. A. Tomkinson to the Cabinet Member for Public Health & Communities, County Borough Councillor B. Harris:</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>
15	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G.E Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Council Leader provide an update on what flood alleviation schemes are expected to be carried out this year?”</p>
16	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor C Lises to the Cabinet Member for Climate Change & Corporate Services County Borough Councillor C. Leyshon</p> <p>“What plans does the council have for a Greener RCT?”</p>
17	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Bradwick to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“With the U.K. Government <i>finally</i> introducing the Shared Prosperity Fund, will the Leader outline whether this Council intends to submit any bids for projects under the scheme?”</p>
18	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor A Rogers to the Cabinet Member Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language County Borough Councillor R Lewis:</p> <p>“Unfortunately, the students at Rhigos Primary cannot make full use of the facilities they have. Inadequate drainage and tree roots have damaged the outside playground and accessibility within the school grounds need to be improved. Will the Cabinet Member meet with myself and the Headteacher at the school to see the issues and advise how they can be resolved?”</p>
19	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Parkin to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Council Leader provide an update on the implementation of the Real Living Wage to the social care sector in RCT?”</p>
20	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Bonetto to the Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</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>

21	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor E. L. Dunning to the Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member please make a statement on Youth Service provision in Rhondda Cynon Taf? And in particular if there has been any progress made on the pledge made during the election to double the number of detached youth vehicles?”</p>
22	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor N. H. Morgan to the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Corporate Services, County Borough Councillor C. Leyshon:</p> <p>“Will the relevant Cabinet Member please make a statement on the Council’s biodiversity policy?”</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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