



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL

28th SEPTEMBER 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 28th September 2022 was 5pm on the 15th September 2022.
- 4.2 Twenty-three questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 20th September 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 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>
2	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“How is the Council delivering upon the manifesto commitments made at the local elections over the course of this Council term?”</p>
3	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M. D. Ashford to the Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</p> <p>“Could the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the plans to deliver a new primary school in Pontyclun?”</p>
4	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Barton to the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Council Business, County Borough Councillor M. Webber:</p> <p>“Can the Deputy Leader make a statement on the Council’s programme of events for 2022/23 as we move toward post-pandemic life?”</p>
5	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M Rees-Jones to the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, County Borough Councillor G Cagle:</p> <p>“What are the Council’s contingency plans moving forward to resolve the shortfall in the recruitment and retention of staff in the Health and Social Care sector and has it considered tendering as zone areas as we could then recruit non drivers, specific to area?”</p>
6	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Davis 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>

7	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Turner to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Highways please outline the timescales for the installation of the new railway footbridge in Llanharan?”</p>
8	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor Sera Evans to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member for Environment & Leisure please inform Members how the Council is tackling the continued and increasing litter issues we are facing in the County Borough?”</p>
9	<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>
10	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor A Rogers to the Cabinet Member for Development & Prosperity, County Borough Councillor M Norris:</p> <p>“Businesses in Hirwaun, Penderyn and Rhigos, as well as others across this county have been massively impacted by the COVID pandemic and now the cost-of-living crisis, how is the Council supporting our businesses at this time?”</p>
11	<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>
12	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Cook to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Community-run buildings and organisations provide invaluable services to our residents, but they are due to suffer immensely from the effects of the Cost-of-Living crisis with eye-watering rises in their energy bills. What action can be taken to ease the strain on these community assets?”</p>

13	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor K Morgan to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member outline what the council intends to do to address the issues relating to unadopted roads and back lanes and whether further funding will be available”.</p>
14	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. O. Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“We have heard in recent weeks that the combined impacts of both Brexit and the war in Ukraine are having a profound effect on our construction industry. What does this mean for the Council and how can we mitigate these impacts?”</p>
15	<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>
16	<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>
17	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor V. Dunn to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“The U.K. Government are continuing to provide minimal support as millions are starting to feel the true effects of the Cost-of-Living crisis. With further energy rises forecast for the autumn, can the Leader outline what discussions or measures this Council is taking to help protect residents?”</p>
18	<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>

19	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor W. Lewis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“How is the Council working with and supporting local food banks through the effects of the Cos-of-Living crisis?”</p>
20	<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?”</p>
21	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Owen-Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Leader please provide an update on the progress of schemes awarded funding under the Levelling Up fund?”</p>
22	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Evans 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>
23	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor N. H. Morgan to the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Corporate Services, County Borough Councillor T. 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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