



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

18 JANUARY 2023

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 18th January 2023 was 5pm on the 5th January 2023.
- 4.2 Twenty-eight questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 9th January 2023, 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 K Johnson to the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Corporate Services, County Borough Councillor C. Leyshon:</p> <p><i>“Please can you advise of a go live date for the Electric charge points that have been installed throughout RCTCBC, with support from Cardiff Capital Region funding. These assets have been sitting idle after installation for a considerable period, when provision across RCTCBC is very limited”</i></p>
2	<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><i>“With the Welsh Government recently announcing funding under the MIM for the new school in Pontyclun, can the Cabinet Member outline a timeframe for the works and when pupils and residents can expect the new facility to open?”</i></p>
3	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Edwards to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p><i>“Can the Leader outline what support is available to help RCT residents with the cost-of-living crisis?”</i></p>
4	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Morgans to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p><i>“Can the Leader outline what measures are being considered to help bridge the funding gap that this Council faces in the next financial year?”</i></p>
5	<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><i>“Will the relevant Cabinet Member please make a statement on the Council’s biodiversity policy?”</i></p>
6	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. J. Davies to the Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</p> <p><i>“Can the Cabinet Member make a statement on the three new school developments for the south of the County Borough?”</i></p>

7	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Powderhill to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p><i>“Can the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the works to improve Ynysangharad War Memorial Park?”</i></p>
8	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Owen-Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p><i>“Can the Leader please provide an update on the progress of schemes awarded funding under the Levelling Up fund?”</i></p>
9	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor H Gronow to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A Crimmings:</p> <p><i>“In the ward of Cilfynydd, which I represent, we have an issue with fly tipping. Can the Cabinet Member please give us an update on how the council is addressing these issues?”</i></p>
10	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M. Maohoub to the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, County Borough Councillor G. Caple:</p> <p><i>“Will the Cabinet Member please provide a statement on the recent Santa Appeal initiative?”</i></p>
11	<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><i>“Will the Cabinet Member please make a statement on outreach work and detached youth service provision in Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</i></p>
12	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Grehan to the Cabinet Member for Prosperity and Development, County Borough Councillor M. Norris:</p> <p><i>“Yn dilyn y ‘problemau’ gyda’r system gosod cartrefi yn Nhonyrefail yn ddiweddar, a’r dioddefaint sydd wedi dod yn sgil y system, ac o ystyried anniddigrwydd o bob plaid gyda’r drefn, a fyddai’r Cyngor yn teimlo ei bod yn briodol i drefnu sesiwn ar gyfer yr holl aelodau i drafod y system a’r polisïau sy’n arwain y penderfyniadau gosod eiddo?”</i></p> <p><i>“Following the recent ‘problems’ with the housing letting system in Tonyrefail, and the suffering as a result of the system, and considering the discontent from all parties with this arrangement, does the Council consider it appropriate to organise a session for all Members to discuss</i></p>

	<i>the system and policies that guide decisions relating to the housing letting system?"</i>
13	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor C. Preedy to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p><i>"Will the Cabinet Member please give a statement on the National Lido of Wales' 2022 season?"</i></p>
14	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. E. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p><i>"How is the Council preparing for further winter weather events following the recent spate of Weather Warnings?"</i></p>
15	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor K Morgan to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p><i>"Will the Leader give an update on any plans for passenger trains to Hirwaun and Rhigos including possible sites for station(s)?"</i></p>
16	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Bonetto to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p><i>"Can the Leader please make a statement on the Winter Welcome Centres in RCT?"</i></p>
17	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor C. Middle to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p><i>"Can the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the Council's programme to improve outdoor play facilities for children?"</i></p>
18	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. O. Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p><i>"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?"</i></p>
19	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Smith to the Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</p>

	<p><i>"Following the granting of planning approval, can the Cabinet Member outline the next steps for the development of a brand-new school in Ferndale for YGG Llyn-Y-Forwyn?"</i></p>
20	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor A Rogers to the Cabinet Member for Prosperity and Development, County Borough Councillor M. Norris:</p> <p><i>"How will the Council be supporting tourism in the Hirwaun, Penderyn and Rhigos Ward in 2023?"</i></p>
21	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor W. Lewis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p><i>"How is the Council working with and supporting local food banks through the effects of the Cost-of-Living crisis?"</i></p>
22	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Brencher to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p><i>"Can the Leader provide an update on the Council's ongoing programme of investment in the County's Highways network?"</i></p>
23	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Bradwick to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p><i>"Can the Leader provide an update on the progress of any funding bids planned or submitted under the U.K. Government's Shared Prosperity Fund?"</i></p>
24	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Emanuel to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p><i>"Can the Leader provide an update on the Council's preparations for winter weather events?"</i></p>
25	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M. Powell to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p><i>"Could the Cabinet portfolio holder for highways say what measures or proposals the RCT Highways department are considering, to alleviate the dire traffic congestion problems that the Pontypridd Town centre has been enduring for many, many years please?"</i></p>

26	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p><i>“In light of the funding shortfall facing councils across Wales for next year, please can the Leader provide an update on discussions with other Council Leaders and Welsh Government?”</i></p>
27	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Rees to the Cabinet Member for Development and Prosperity, County Borough Councillor M. A. Norris:</p> <p><i>“How is this Council supporting businesses across the Cynon Valley and throughout Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</i></p>
28	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor A. J. Dennis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p><i>“What support and signposting services are available to residents with regards to the cost-of-living crisis?”</i></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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