



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL

14 JUNE 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 14th June 2023 was 5pm on the 1st June 2023.
- 4.2 Thirty questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 6th June 2023, to determine the running order of the questions at the Council Meeting.
- 4.3 The results of the ballot are outlined below, however since undertaking the ballot, the Proper Officer received notification from Councillor N. Morgan, advising that he would like to withdraw his question, which was drawn at 2. The revised order of questions is listed below:

Number	Corresponding Question
1	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. E. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>Ahead of the winter and the preparations for severe weather, will there be an opportunity for Members to have engagement and briefings on the preparations?</p>
2	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Cook B.E.M. to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“What support is available for food banks and similar local schemes in the coming year?”</p>
3	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Emanuel to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader please make a statement on capital investment in Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>
4	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor W. Hughes to the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Council Business, County Borough Councillor M. Webber:</p> <p>“Can the Deputy Leader provide an update on the Council’s apprenticeship and graduate programmes?”</p>
5	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Powderhill to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the works to improve Ynysangharad War Memorial Park?”</p>
6	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“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?”</p>
7	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. O. Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p>

	<p>“We have heard in recent months 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>
8	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor A. J. Dennis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“What support and signposting services are available to residents in regards to the cost of living crisis?”</p>
9	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D.R. Bevan to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Will the Leader update on the progress of the Tylorstown tip works?”</p>
10	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor A. Ellis to the Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor R Lewis:</p> <p>“There is no access to Welsh medium pre-school nursery provision for the children of Ynysybwl and Glyncoch. What is the council doing to replace this service and promote Welsh language in the area?”</p>
11	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor L. Addiscott to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Following the wet winter we had, potholes have been an issue for councils across the country. Can the Leader therefore provide an update on the Council’s ongoing programme of investment in the County’s Highways network?”</p>
12	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor K. Morgan to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Council Business, County Borough Councillor M Webber:</p> <p>The Welsh Government Protocol relating to appointments of councillors to the Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority states that “<i>priority should be given to selecting Councillors who have wards within the Park boundary, (in our case, Hirwaun, Penderyn and Rhigos), and that selection of Councillors with electoral wards some distance away from the Park should be avoided where possible</i>”.</p>

	<p>“Will the Cabinet Member explain why the majority of RCT council chooses to ignore this protocol and to ignore what is best for the communities living in BBNP by nominating and appointing a councillor from outside of the park boundary as evidenced at the Council AGM in 2022 and again in 2023?”</p>
13	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor V. Dunn to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader provide Members with an update on the rollout of the Council’s Community Wardens team?”</p>
14	<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 outreach work and detached youth service provision in Rhondda Cynon Taf, particularly in the Ystrad area?”</p>
15	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M. Maohoub to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Council Leader provide an update on the implementation of the Real Living Wage and the Council’s progress on becoming an accredited Real Living Wage employer?”</p>
16	<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>“Please can I have an update on EV charging installations throughout the county borough and how usage is being encouraged?”</p>
17	<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>“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?”</p>
18	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor W. Lewis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p>

	<p>“How is the Council working with and supporting local food banks through the effects of the Cost of Living crisis?”</p>
19	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Wood to the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities, County Borough Councillor R Harris:</p> <p>“What is RCT doing to help mitigate anti-social behaviour in Pontypridd town?”</p>
20	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Williams to the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Corporate Services, County Borough Councillor C. Leyshon:</p> <p>“Would the Cabinet Member provide a further update on the progress of EV charging point rollouts in RCT?”</p>
21	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor T. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Could the Leader provide Councillors with an update on the Shared Prosperity Fund Community Fund?”</p>
22	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor C. Preedy to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please give an update on the usage of the National Lido of Wales’ and any information on how long the summer season will be this year?”</p>
23	<p>Question from the County Borough Councillor M. Powell to the Leader of the Council County Borough Councillor A Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“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?”</p>
24	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Bradwick to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader make a statement on bus services in RCT and outline the latest position on providing support to providers?”</p>

25	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Parkin to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the progress of play area improvements across the County Borough?”</p>
26	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Brencher to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Will the Leader update on the commitment to fund 10 PCSOs in RCT?”</p>
27	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Morgans to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Would the Leader update on the progress of the Welsh Government funded walking and cycling route along the river through the Rhondda Fach?”</p>
28	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor C. Lises to the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities, County Borough Councillor R Harris:</p> <p>“What plans does RCTCBC have for any form of memorial to those who lost their lives due to Covid 19 or are experiencing long Covid”.</p>
29	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Bonetto to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader please give a roundup on the Winter Welcome Centre scheme in RCT and provide information on whether the scheme was successful in supporting residents?”</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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