



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL

6 MARCH 2024

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 March 2024 was 5pm on the 22nd February 2024.
- 4.2 Thirty eight questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 26th February 2024, 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. Evans to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member provide an update on the scheme to upgrade the culvert on the industrial estate in Porth?”</p>
2	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader provide an update on the preparations underway in advance of RCT welcoming the Eisteddfod in the summer?”</p>
3	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Davis to the Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care, County Borough Councillor G. Caple:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please outline the next steps for the Extra Care scheme in Porth following the news that a new contractor has been appointed?”</p>
4	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor K. Webb to the Cabinet Member for Climate Change & Corporate Services, County Borough Councillor C Leyshon:</p> <p>“What progress is the Council making towards its carbon reduction targets?”</p>
5	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Owen-Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“What impact will the announcement from TATA Steel that it plans to progress with the proposals to cut 2,800 jobs have on our communities?”</p>
6	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor L. Ellis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader provide an update on the programme of coal tip management across RCT?”</p>
7	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Trask to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader make a statement on the public consultations that have taken place during the past three months?”</p>

8	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Emanuel to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Will the Leader provide an update on the progress of the South Wales Metro in the Rhondda valley?”</p>
9	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor Sheryl Evans to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“With more and more cars on the road and limited parking spaces available, more cars are having to park on pavements etc., what can the Council do to help our constituents with more places to park. Is there an option to tarmac more lanes so that residents can use their gardens for off-road parking?”</p>
10	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. J. Davies to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader make a statement on capital investment across Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>
11	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Hickman to the Cabinet Member for Development and Prosperity, County Borough Councillor M. A. Norris:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on investment in Porth town centre?”</p>
12	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor W. Lewis to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member update on recycling rates in RCT and what progress is being made to improve these?”</p>
13	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Powderhill to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Council Leader provide an update on preparations for the 2024 Eisteddfod?”</p>
14	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Bonetto to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Will the Leader provide an update on the progress of the South Wales Metro, and in particular on the depot at Taff’s Well?”</p>

15	<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>
16	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor Sera Evans to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader please provide an update on the Maindy Crescent roadworks?”</p>
17	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor N.H. Morgan to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the leader update on what flood resilience bids the Council is putting forward to the Welsh Government for the forthcoming year?”</p>
18	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Council Leader tell this Council if the opposition group have put forward any budget suggestions in the face of what you have described – both in the Council Chamber and publicly in the media - as one of the most difficult budget rounds RCT has faced?”</p>
19	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. O. Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Council Leader set out what level of protection our school budgets have in the draft budget being worked on and what discussions have been had in the School Budget Forum?”</p>
20	<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>
21	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor W. Treeby to the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities, County Borough Councillor B. Harris:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member make a statement on what support the Council is providing to Paddling Pool groups in Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>
22	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor A. S. Fox to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p>

	<p>“Can the Leader provide an update to Members on the discussions taking place given the significant financial pressures facing the public sector next year?”</p>
23	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Cook BEM to the Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member make a statement on school budget funding plans and proposals, particularly in relation to cash amounts and percentages?”</p>
24	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor A. J. Dennis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader please provide an update on the usage and feedback received to date on the Winter Welcome Centres?”</p>
25	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor V. Dunn to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the progress of the scheme to create a Multi-Use Games Area at the Sobell Centre in Aberdare?”</p>
26	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor W. Hughes to the Deputy Leader of the Council and Armed Forces Champion, County Borough Councillor M. Webber:</p> <p>“What support does this Council provide to the local Armed Forces community?”</p>
27	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor L. A. Tomkinson to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader provide an update on the pledge to develop a dedicated hockey facility in the County Borough?”</p>
28	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Grehan to the Cabinet Member for Development & Prosperity, County Borough Councillor M. Norris:</p> <p>“Mae nifer o ardaloedd yn fy ward i, sydd yn amlwg wedi eu hadeiladu gan y Cyngor neu wedi eu hadeiladu wrth greu ddatblygiadau newydd – llwybrau, grisiau, ardaloedd gwyrdd. Erbyn hyn mae'r Cyngor yn dweud nad yw'r ardaloedd yma yn eiddo i'r Cyngor ac felly nad oes ganddyn nhw gyfrifoldeb dros drwsio neu gadw'r ardaloedd yma. Galla i ofyn i'r Cyngor yma cymryd cyfrifoldeb dros yr ardaloedd yma er diogelwch ein trigolion?”</p>

	<p>“There are a number of areas in my ward, which have obviously been built by the Council or have been built when creating new developments – paths, stairs, green areas. By now the Council is saying that these areas are not the property of the Council and therefore it has no responsibility for repairing or maintaining these areas. May I ask this Council to take responsibility for these areas for the safety of our residents?”</p>
29	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. Holmes to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Will the Leader make a statement on road maintenance and outline how this Council is tackling the issue of potholes?”</p>
30	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor C. Middle to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Will the Leader update the Council on the policy for upgrading/tarmacking unadopted roads/lanes and the rationale behind the prioritisation of such work?”</p>
31	<p>Question from 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>
32	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M. Maohoub to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member make a statement on the Council’s preparations and actions taken during the recent period of wet weather?”</p>
33	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Smith to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“With the introduction of the Social Partnership and Procurement Bill in Wales, can the Leader please outline what action RCT are taking to ensure compliance with the legislation?”</p>
34	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor T. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“With Storm Dennis now almost 4 years ago, can the Leader give an assessment on the progress made since that Storm, which brought so much devastation to RCT?”</p>

35	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor L. Addiscott to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on investment in our sports centres and outline how this has impacted their usage?”</p>
36	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. A. Elliott to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader outline whether any discussions have been had with Transport for Wales over the re-opening of the Public Right of Way near the Meadowlands in Cwmbach?”</p>
37	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Yeo to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“The pressures facing Local Authority budgets are well documented and finances are becoming increasingly strained, but can the Cabinet Member outline what winter maintenance preparations are being considered and confirm whether this remains a priority for the Council?”</p>
38	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Brencher to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader outline what traffic management plans will be in place when the County Borough welcomes the National Eisteddfod for Wales?”</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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