



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

24 APRIL 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 24th April 2024 was 5pm on the 11th April 2024.
- 4.2 Forty three questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 16th April 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 J. Brencher to the Cabinet Member for Development and Prosperity, County Borough Councillor M. A. Norris:</p> <p>“Could the Cabinet Member give an update on regeneration projects in Pontypridd?”</p>
2	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor K. Johnson to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“How is the council improving accessibility throughout Rhondda Cynon Taf for those with reduced mobility and disabilities?”</p>
3	<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>
4	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor Sera Evans to County Borough Councillor R. Lewis, Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language:</p> <p>“Please can the Cabinet Member outline the financial impact of the delay in the implementation of the breakfast club proposals or in other words, how much less money has the Council saved as a result of the delay in the implementation?”</p>
5	<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>
6	<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>

7	<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>
8	<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>
9	<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>
10	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor T. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader update on the flood bids that have been approved by the Welsh Government for this year?”</p>
11	<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>
12	<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>

13	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Turner to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the leader outline a timeline for the redesigned Llanharan Sustainable Transport Corridor?”</p>
14	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Edwards 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>
15	<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>
16	<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>
17	<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>
18	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. Hopkins to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the council leader give a further update on the plans to develop the Llanharan sustainable transport corridor?”</p>
19	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M. Maohoub to the Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the implementation of the £1 charge for pre-breakfast club childcare?”</p>

20	<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 update on drainage works commencing on Penrhiwceiber tip?”</p>
21	<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>
22	<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>
23	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Evans 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>
24	<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 give an update on the proposed park and ride at Treorci?”</p>
25	<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>
26	<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>

27	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Bradwick to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please make a statement on the Council’s programme of tree cutting and maintenance?”</p>
28	<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 outline what traffic management plans will be in place when the County Borough welcomes the National Eisteddfod for Wales?”</p>
29	<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>
30	<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>
31	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor H. Gronow to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>"Please will the Cabinet Member provide a statement on Playgrounds and Muga developments"</p>
32	<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>

33	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Rees to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader provide an update on the progress on the delivery of the Labour Group’s manifesto commitments?”</p>
34	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Evans to County Borough Councillor R. Lewis, Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language:</p> <p>“Can the relevant Cabinet Member please provide an update on the implementation of the additional childcare element of the free breakfast club provision”</p>
35	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Davis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Council Leader give an update on Storm Dennis repairs across the County since 2020?”</p>
36	<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>
37	<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>
38	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor C. Lises to County Borough Councillor R. Lewis, Cabinet Member for Education, Youth Participation and Welsh Language:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member give an update on the introduction of the Additional Childcare element of the Free Breakfast Club provision.”</p>
39	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor L. A. Tomkinson to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member give an update on the planned investment in hockey facilities at Hawthorn?”</p>

40	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor A. Rogers to the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities, County Borough Councillor B. Harris:</p> <p>“Can the relevant Cabinet Member share what contact the Council has made with the Trivallis tenants and private homeowners/renters of the Gower estate, following the news of RAAC in 77 Hirwaun properties?”</p>
41	<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>
42	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. Stacey to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Leader of the Council update on what planning assumptions the Council will be working towards for the 2025/26 budget, and how can the Council work to set a balanced budget that avoids significant Council Tax rises like some other areas in Wales and across the U.K.?”</p>
43	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor B. Stephens to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</p> <p>“Can the Council Leader and Cabinet Member for highways set out what the Council is doing to tackle potholes and improve the condition of roads across RCT?”</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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