



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL**

**27 NOVEMBER 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024 was 5pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024.
- 4.2 Forty three questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 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><b>Question from County Borough Councillor V. Dunn to the Cabinet Member for Prosperity and Development, County Borough Councillor M. A. Norris:</b></p> <p>“Could the Cabinet Member please outline what the Council is doing to tackle the issue of empty buildings in Aberdare town centre, some of which have been derelict for a number of years?”</p>
2	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor W. Treeby to the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities, County Borough Councillor B. Harris:</b></p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member make a statement on what support the Council has provided to Paddling Pool groups in Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>
3	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor K. Morgan to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</b></p> <p>“Residents welcomed the overdue investment at Hirwaun Welfare Recreational Ground last year which aimed to make best use of the Tennis Court area to provide a multi -use space. Residents, including many youngsters are keen to use this facility. However, best use of the space has not been possible because the floodlights are broken. Will the Cabinet Member commit to repair of the floodlights so that the benefits of the investment can be fully realised?”</p>
4	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor Sheryl Evans to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></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 etc.?”</p>

5	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor Sera Evans to the Cabinet Member for Education, Inclusion &amp; Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</b></p> <p>“Gall yr Aelod Cabinet ar gyfer Addysg diweddarau aelodau ar ddatblygiadau i adeiladu ysgolion newydd ar gyfer Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda ac Ysgol Gyfun Llanhari os gwelwch yn dda?”</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member for Education please update Members on the developments to build new schools for Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda and Ysgol Gyfun Llanhari please?”</p>
6	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor A. Roberts to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“The local housing allowance is less in RCT than in comparable councils, e.g., Merthyr. This inequality needs to be addressed. Could I ask if the appropriate Cabinet Member could find out the reasons for this please?”</p>
7	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor E. L. Watts to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Youth Participation and Climate Change, County Borough Councillor C. Leyshon:</b></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>
8	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor G. Hopkins to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Can the Council Leader give a further update on the plans to develop the Llanharan Sustainable Transport Corridor?”</p>
9	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“With this being the final year of Welsh Government funding for Storm Dennis repairs, can the Council Leader give an update on whether the Council is on course to complete all of the relevant Storm Dennis-related repair schemes to damaged infrastructure?”</p>

10	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor A. Rogers to the Cabinet Member for Education, Inclusion &amp; Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</b></p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member for Education update us on what the Council plans to do with the site of the recently closed Rhigos Primary School please?”</p>
11	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Trask to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</b></p> <p>“Please can you outline what impact assessment has been carried out by the council to mitigate the use of street and dog foul bins following the changes to household waste collections?”</p>
12	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor W. Lewis to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</b></p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member update on recycling rates in RCT and what progress is being made to improve these?”</p>
13	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Emanuel to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader please provide an update on the progress of the South Wales Metro scheme?”</p>
14	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor L. Addiscott to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</b></p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member make a statement on investment in our sports centres and outline how this has impacted their usage?”</p>
15	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor L. Ellis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader provide an update on the programme of coal tip management across RCT?”</p>

16	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Owen-Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader please provide an update on the progress of the delivery of the major scheme to dual a section of the A4119 carriageway?”</p>
17	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor G. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader please outline what support is being provided to community buildings, such as churches and community centres over the coming winter months?”</p>
18	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor A. J. Dennis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader please provide the latest position on the major Feeder Pipe footbridge replacement scheme?”</p>
19	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Hickman to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“What support will be available to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector this winter, and will the Council be continuing the support provided last year?”</p>
20	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor N. H. Morgan to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“The recent announcement that external funding had been acquired to progress the scheme in Pentre shared with the community last year has been warmly welcomed in the community, and I give my thanks to those who have worked hard to secure the funding. With winter fast approaching, can the Leader outline some of the key timescales for the project?”</p>
21	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Barton to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader make a statement on capital investment across Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>

22	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Grehan to the to the Cabinet Member for Education, Inclusion &amp; Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</b></p> <p>"Mae'r Blaid Lafur yn Rhondda Cynon Taf yn edrych i gau dwy ysgol a dau gartref gofal. Mwy fyth o doriadau sy'n rhan o gyfres o doriadau sydd wedi digwydd dros y blynyddoedd diwethaf. Gyda phwysigrwydd addysg i dynnu plant mas o dlodi onid cam gwag yw cau ysgol, ac yn ein cymunedau tlotaf, fel ardal Ysgol Tref y Rhyg, Tonyrefail, onid amddifadu ein plant tlotaf mae'r Blaid Lafur yn gwneud wrth ystyried y toriad erchyll yma?</p> <p>"The Labour Party in Rhondda Cynon Taf are looking to close two schools and two care homes. Even more cuts which are part of a series of cuts over the last few years. With the importance of education in terms of lifting children out of poverty, isn't closing a school, especially in our poorest communities, such as Tref y Rhyg Primary School area in Tonyrefail, a false step? Isn't the Labour Party depriving our poorest children by considering this terrible cut?"</p>
23	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Brencher to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>"I think it's fair to say that the National Eisteddfod was certainly a success for Pontypridd and RCT, but can the Leader give an overview of the event and outline some of the local impacts please?"</p>
24	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor C. Middle to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></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>
25	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Morgans to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>"Can the Leader please provide an update on the latest stage of the Rhondda Fach Active Travel Route?"</p>

26	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor S.J. Davies to the Cabinet Member for Education, Inclusion and Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</b></p> <p>“I am writing to enquire about the current and future traffic management plans for Llantrisant and Talbot Green. Given the ongoing issues with A4119, congestion and safety, particularly around Tonysguboriau School, could you please provide details on any measures being considered or implemented to improve traffic flow and enhance pedestrian safety in these areas?”</p>
27	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Evans to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“What preparations are underway for the 2025/2026 budget and what challenges will this Council face?”</p>
28	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor L. A. Tomkinson to the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities, County Borough Councillor B. Harris:</b></p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please make a statement on the re-opening of the Muni Arts Building in Pontypridd?”</p>
29	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Bonetto to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Will the Leader provide an update on the progress of the South Wales Metro, in particular the depot at Taff’s Well, and a possible completion date?”</p>
30	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor A. S. Fox to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></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>
31	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor G. O. Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></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>

32	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor C. Lises to the Cabinet Member for Prosperity &amp; Development, County Borough Councillor M. Norris:</b></p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member give an update on whether there is likely to be increase in fees associated with planning applications in the near future?”</p>
33	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor K. Johnson to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>Can the Leader outline how public transport is being improved for residents in Llantwit Fardre and Efail Isaf?”</p>
34	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor M. Maohoub to the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor M. Webber:</b></p> <p>“How is the Council continuing to support employment opportunities for our residents?”</p>
35	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor H. Gronow to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</b></p> <p>“What are the Council’s plans for the for the development of parks and play areas, specifically in the Pontypridd area?”</p>
36	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor T. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader update on the flood bids that have been approved by the Welsh Government for this year?”</p>
37	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor C. Preedy to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</b></p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please give an update on the attendance and usage of the National Lido of Wales over the summer season?”</p>
38	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Edwards to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader please provide an update on the works to carry out the repairs to the retaining wall in Margaret Street following damage sustained during Storm Dennis?”</p>



39	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor M. Powell to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Could the Leader give an update as to when the currently closed access road into Berw Field allotments will be reopened please? It is now over two years since its closure due to the riverbank being washed away which was due to a Dwr Cymru pipe breaking, leaving sewage water to flow into the River Taf”.</p>
40	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Turner to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“The statement earlier this year that the Llanharan Sustainable Transport Corridor had been given the go-ahead following a redesign was very welcome news. Can the Leader update on the progress made since then and outline some of the key steps for the scheme to be delivered?”</p>
41	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Cook B.E.M. to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader provide an update on the Fernhill Bridge crossing works being carried out by Transport for Wales? Whilst the structure is in your ward, residents in the Aberaman ward use it to access the Cynon Valley Hospital.”</p>
42	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor W. Hughes to the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities, County Borough Councillor B. Harris:</b></p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please outline what support is available to community groups via the Community Food Fund, and how it can benefit community activities?”</p>
43	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Bradwick to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan OBE:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader make a statement on investment and regeneration projects in Aberdare Town Centre?”</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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