



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

23RD OCTOBER 2019

MEMBERS QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION.

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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.

4. MEMBERS QUESTION ON NOTICE

- 4.1 The closing date for receipt of Members Questions on Notice to the Council Business Unit for the September Council meeting was 5pm on the 10TH October 2019.
- 4.2 18 questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 14TH October, to determine the running order of the questions at the Council Meeting.
- 4.3 The results of the ballot are outlined below:

Number	Question
1	<p>From County Borough Councillor G Jones to the Cabinet Member Stronger Communities, Wellbeing and Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R Lewis:</p> <p>“Can the cabinet Member please provide an overview on the performance of RCT’S theatre’s and outline what programme of events are in place for the festive period.”</p>
2	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Owen Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Leader of the Council please provide an update on the delivery of the Manifesto Commitments made to Residents in 2017?”</p>
3	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M Powell to the Cabinet member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D R Bevan:</p> <p>“Would the responsible cabinet member make a statement on the current situation regarding the Pontypridd YMCA refurbishment?”</p>
4	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G Davies to the Cabinet Member for Adult Community Services & Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor G Hopkins:</p> <p>“A wnewch chi gwneud datganiad ar y darpariaith o Rhagnodi Cymdeithasol yn Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p> <p>“Will you please make a statement about the provision of Social Prescriptions in Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>
5	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Williams to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D. R. Bevan:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the Llys Cadwyn development and outline whether the project is on time and on budget?”</p>

6	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G Hughes to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the leader make a commitment that schools and social care will remain core priorities for this council in the 2020/21 budget?”</p>
7	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S Powell to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“What steps is the Council taking to become a carbon neutral organisation?”</p>
8	<p>Question From County Borough Councillor P Jarman to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>"What is the purpose of the WLGA?"</p>
9	<p>From County Borough Councillor M Forey to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure & Heritage Services County Borough Councillor A Crimmings:</p> <p>'Could the Cabinet Member please outline how this Council is supporting a Healthy and Active RCT'?</p>
10	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M. Griffiths to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Climate change is the responsibility of us all. But we don’t all know what we can do. What steps is the Council taking to engage communities in responding to the challenge of climate change?”</p>
11	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. Caple to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D. R. Bevan:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please make a statement on the extension of the Council’s Empty Property Strategy and its extension to a regional footprint under the Valleys Taskforce?”</p>

12	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor E Griffiths to the Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member for Education and Inclusion Services make a statement outlining what steps the Council will take in 2022 to address the gap in Welsh medium education provision north of Pontypridd, when Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg PontSion Norton is shut down?</p> <p>Gall yr Aelod Cabinet ar faterion Addysg a Gwasanaethau Cynhwysiant wneud datganiad yn egluro pa gamau bydd y Cyngor yn cymryd yn y dyfodol i fynd i'r afael a diffyg darpriaeth o addysg cyfrwng Cymraeg yn ngogledd Pontypridd yn y flwyddyn 2022 pan fydd Ysgol Gynradd Pont Sion Norton yn cau?</p>
13	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor H Fychan to the Cabinet Member Stronger Communities, Wellbeing and Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R Lewis:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on what is being done to improve access to public toilets in Pontypridd Town Centre, including what access will be made available at Llys Cadwyn?”</p>
14	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor K Morgan to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Leader make a statement regarding Highways Investment in Hirwaun please?”</p>
15	<p>From County Borough Councillor G Stacey to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure & Heritage Services County Borough Councillor A Crimmings:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet member with responsibility for Leisure Services outline what effect that this Council’s investment in our Council owned Leisure Centres has had on the Leisure4life membership scheme?”</p>

16	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M Adams to the Leader of the Council, Councillor A Morgan:-</p> <p>“What representations will the Council Leader and the WLGA make ahead of the 2020 draft budget?”</p>
17	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J Bonetto to the Cabinet Member for Adult Community Services and Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor G Hopkins</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the Stay Well@ Home Service and outline what plans are in place to mitigate winter pressures.”</p>
18	<p>From County Borough Councillor H Boggis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Leader make a statement on the extension to the Aberdare Bypass?”</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 amendment to the Council Procedure Rule in respect of Members Questions was considered and agreed at the Council AGM 2019, following consultation with the Corporate Governance & 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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