



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

27th NOVEMBER 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 November Council meeting was 5pm on the 14th November 2019.
- 4.2 15 questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 18th November, 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>Question from County Borough Councillor M. Forey to the Cabinet Member for 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>
2	<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>
3	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Morgans to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D R Bevan:</p> <p>“Could the Cabinet Member please outline what steps this Council is taking to support businesses and the local economy across Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>
4	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D Grehan to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Hoffwn i wneud cais i'r aelod cabinet priodol i wneud datganiad ar bolisi 'r cyngor ar oleuadau stryd.”</p> <p>“I'd like to ask the relevant cabinet member to make a statement on the Council's policy on street lights.”</p>
5	<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>
6	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor E. Griffiths to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure & Heritage Services, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p>

	<p>“Can you make a statement outlining what steps are being taken to expand the network of public charging points for electric vehicles across the Authority, and what is the timescale of expansion, in response to the growing demand and usage of electric and hybrid cars?”</p>
7	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G R Davies to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“A wnech chi datganiad ar Twnnel y Rhondda?”</p> <p>“Will you make a statement on the Rhondda Tunnel?”</p>
8	<p>Question from County Borough Council 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>
9	<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>
10	<p>From County Borough Councillor L. Jones to the Cabinet Member for Adult Community Services & Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor G. Hopkins:</p> <p>“Can you make a statement indicating the number of vacancies in the private sector of Care Homes in RCT”</p>
11	<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>

12	<p>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>
13	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Bonetto to the Cabinet Member for Adult Community Services & 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>
14	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. Thomas to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, County Borough Councillor M. Norris:</p> <p>“Can the relevant Cabinet Member please provide an update on the delivery of the Council’s digital transformation strategy?”</p>
15	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor H. Boggis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor Andrew 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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