



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL**

**23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
- 4.2 Thirteen questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 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><b>From County Borough Councillor S. Evans to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Well-being and Heritage Services, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</b></p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please make a statement on arts and cultural performances in respect of the coronavirus pandemic?”</p>
2	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor J. Edwards to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</b></p> <p>Can the Council Leader/Cabinet Member outline what measures are in place in RCT schools to respond to confirmed cases of coronavirus?</p>
3	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor G. Caple to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader of the Council please provide an update on the recent inspections at supermarkets across RCT?”</p>
4	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor H Fychan to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</b></p> <p>“How are you including the evidence of residents affected by the flooding that has taken place this year in the report into the floods that have hit our communities this year, including the recovery plans?”</p> <p>“Sut ydych chi’n cynnwys tystiolaeth y trigolion effeithwyd gan y llifogydd sydd wedi taro ein cymunedau eleni i’r adroddiad ynglyn a’r llifogydd, gan gynnwys y cynlluniau adfer ar gyfer y cymunedau hyn?”</p>
5	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor E Webster to the Leader of the Council County Borough Councillor A Morgan:-</b></p> <p>“Winter storms have caused major flooding issues in many of our communities. Is there a timescale for fixing the culverts that failed in Treorchy during Storm Dennis?”</p>
6	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor J. Harries to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D. R. Bevan:</b></p>

	<p>“Will the Cabinet Member please outline what support and advice has been provided to local businesses throughout the pandemic?”</p>
7	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor G. W. Hughes to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</b></p> <p>“How is the Council engaging with partner organisations to respond to coronavirus clusters identified in our communities?”</p>
8	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor E Stephens to the Cabinet Member for Education &amp; Inclusion Services County Borough Councillor J Rosser:-</b></p> <p>“A wneiff yr aelod gwneud sylw ar y gefnogaeth a roddir gan y Cyngor ynglyn a gwisg ysgol os gwelwch yn dda?”</p> <p>“Will the Member please comment on the support that is given by the Council in relation to school uniform?”</p>
9	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor S. Bradwick to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure and Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</b></p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the various projects ongoing at Dare Valley Country Park as part of the Valleys Regional Park initiative?”</p>
10	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor R. Yeo to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</b></p> <p>“Will the Leader/Cabinet Member please make a statement on visiting arrangements at care homes across the County?”</p>
11	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor P Jarman to the Deputy Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor M Webber:-</b></p> <p>“In your capacity as portfolio holder with responsibility for Communications and Engagement, what can you tell me about the Council’s email etiquette?”</p>
12	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor M. Forey to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</b></p> <p>“How is this Council communicating with residents and ensuring that messages around social distancing, hand hygiene practices and wearing a face covering in the necessary situations are conveyed?”</p>

13	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor A. S. Fox to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</b></p> <p>“Will the Council Leader outline what impact the coronavirus pandemic has had on the Council’s finances and what support has been provided by the Welsh Government?”</p>
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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**

[Council AGM 2019.](#)

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