



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL**

**21st OCTOBER 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 21st October Council meeting was 5pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020.
- 4.2 Twenty one questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 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>Question from County Borough Councillor Jarman to County Borough Councillor Councilor M. Diamond, Chair of Democratic Services.</b></p> <p>“Can you advise what role you and the Democratic Services Committee play in promoting good governance?”</p>
2	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor J Cullwick to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councilor A Morgan:-</b></p> <p>“Yng nghynhadledd y Blaid Geidwadol ddydd Mawrth y 6ed o Hydref, dywedodd Mr Boris Johnson ei fod am wneud y DU yr hyn a ddisgrifiodd fel "Saudi Arabia o wynt", a dywedodd y byddai'r sector yn darparu "cannoedd o filoedd, os nad miliynau, o swyddi." Beth yw eich barn am y cyhoeddiad hwn a sut y gall Rhondda Cynon Taf fanteisio i'r eithaf ar gyfleoedd ac osgoi 'grab' arall o'r ardal fel glo yn yr 2 ganrif diwethaf?”</p> <p>“At the Conservative Party conference on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, Mr Boris Johnson said he wanted to make the UK what he described as “the Saudi Arabia of wind”, and said the sector would provide “hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of jobs”. What are your thoughts about this announcement and how can RCT maximise opportunities and avoid another asset grab like coal in the last couple of centuries?”</p>
3	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor H Fychan to the Cabinet Member for Education &amp; Inclusion Services, County Borough Councilor J Rosser:-</b></p> <p>“All yr Aelod Cabinet ddiweddarau'r Cyngor ar y cynnydd sy'n cael ei wneud ar y targedau addysg cyfrwng Cymraeg sydd wedi eu gosod gan Lywodraeth Cymru i gyrraedd miliwn o siaradwyr Cymraeg erbyn 2050?”</p> <p>“Could the Cabinet Member update us on the progress the Council is making on its Welsh medium education targets related to the Welsh Government's target of a million Welsh speakers by 2050?”</p>
4	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor K Morgan to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councilor A Morgan:-</b></p> <p>“How many parking enforcement officers does the Council employ and how much income was generated from them during the last financial year?”</p>
5	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor W. Lewis to the Deputy Leader of the Council, County Borough Councilor M. Webber:-</b></p>

	<p>“Can the Deputy Leader please provide an update on the work to facilitate webcasting capabilities for Council and Scrutiny business meetings?”</p>
6	<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>
7	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor E. George to the Cabinet Member for Education and Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J. Rosser:-</b></p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please outline what support is in place for children in receipt of Free School Meals?”</p>
8	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Owen-Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:-</b></p> <p>“Will the Council Leader please make a statement on the progress made by the Council in delivering on its priorities?”</p>
9	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor D Grehan to the Cabinet Member for Education &amp; Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:-</b></p> <p>"All yr aelod rhoi esboniad o'r system bresennol ar gyfer bwcio lle mewn clwb brechwast?"</p> <p>“Please can the Member explain what is the current system for reserving a place in a breakfast club?”</p>
10	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor R. K. Turner to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:-</b></p> <p>“Can the Council Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Highways please outline progress on the development of the Llanharan Bypass?”</p>
11	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor G R Davies to Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor R Bevan:-</b></p> <p>“A wnech chi gwneud datganiad ar dwristaeth ym mhen uchaf Cwm Rhondda Fawr?”</p> <p>“Will you make a statement on tourism in the upper Rhondda Fawr area?”</p>

12	<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>
13	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor S Rees-Owen to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:-</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader make a statement on the current and future role of School Crossing Patrols please?”</p>
14	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor H. Boggis to the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, County Borough Councillor C. Leyshon:-</b></p> <p>“In light of the coronavirus pandemic, can the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services confirm whether the Santa Appeal still be taking place this year?”</p>
15	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor L. De Vet to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Well-being and Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:-</b></p> <p>“Would the Cabinet Member please update Members on the work of the Climate Change Steering Committee?”</p>
16	<p><b>Question 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>
17	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor L. M. Adams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:-</b></p> <p>“Will the Council Leader make a statement on the work of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal?”</p>
18	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor G. Caple to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:-</b></p> <p>“What impact will the establishment of the Lighthouse Lab in Newport have on testing for residents in Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>

19	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor G. W. Hughes to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D. R. Bevan:-</b></p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member please highlight what support is available to businesses in RCT during the Coronavirus pandemic?”</p>
20	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor J Williams to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Council Business, County Borough Councillor M Webber:-</b></p> <p>“Could the Deputy Leader please give an update about what plans the Council may have to celebrate Christmas in our town centres this year?”</p>
21	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Elliott to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:-</b></p> <p>“Can the Council Leader please provide an update on the various flood schemes planned and ongoing across RCT, including for the Cwmbach ward?”</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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