



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

### **COUNCIL**

**19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 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 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 June Council meeting was 5pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
- 4.2 14 questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June, to determine the running order of the questions at the Council Meeting.
- 4.3 The results of the ballot are outlined below:

No.	Question
1	<p><b>Question From County Borough Councillor J Cullwick to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Well-being &amp; Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R Lewis:</b></p> <p>“What are the plans to improve toilet facilities in the Rhondda during the next 3 years to meet the needs of increasing visitor numbers?”</p>
2	<p><b>Question From County Borough Councillor G Hughes to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure &amp; Heritage Services, County Borough Councillor A Crimmings:</b></p> <p>“Will the cabinet member please provide an update on the National Lido of Wales and give a statement on the use of the facility by clubs and groups?”</p>
3	<p><b>Question From County Borough Councillor D Grehan to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure &amp; Heritage Services, County Borough Councillor A Crimmings:</b></p> <p>“Mae Tonyrefail Skatepark ar fin ceisio cofrestru fel elusen er mwyn ein galluogi i wneud ceisiadau grant i gael parc sglefrio ar gyfer pobl ifanc yr ardal. Bydde'r cyngor yn fodlon cefnogi'r grŵp gyda chyfraniad er mwyn hwyluso'r ceisiadau grant?”</p> <p><i>(“Tonyrefail Skatepark is about to register as a charity in order to enable us to make grant applications to open a skate park for young people in the area. Would the Council be willing to support the group with its application in order to facilitate the grant?”)</i></p>
4	<p><b>Question From County Borough Councillor P Jarman to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Well-being &amp; Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R Lewis:</b></p> <p>“What are the Council’s wellbeing priorities?”</p>
5	<p><b>Question From County Borough Councillor L Walker to the Cabinet Member for Education &amp; Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:</b></p> <p>“The Welsh Government announced in November 2018 that it will increase its share of Capital funding for pupils with additional needs and those in pupil referral units to 75% with delivery partners meeting the remaining 25% of the costs {WG 21st of November 2018}. In view of this most generous offer will this Council se t in</p>

	<p>motion the provision of a new school for Ysgol Ty Coch TONTEG under its 21st century schools programme and provide a safe and adequate facility for the most vulnerable children in society to be educated in?"</p>
6	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor G Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</b></p> <p>"Can the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Highways, please make a statement on what external funding the Council is securing, for highways scheme across Rhondda Cynon Taf"</p>
7	<p><b>Question From County Borough Councillor G. Caple to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</b></p> <p>"Can the Council Leader please provide an update on the recent announcement of over £3m for transport projects in RCT?"</p>
8	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor S Morgans to the Cabinet Member Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D R Bevan:</b></p> <p>"Could the cabinet member please outline what steps this council is taking to support businesses and the local economy across Rhondda Cynon Taff?"</p>
9	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor W Lewis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</b></p> <p>"Could the Leader of the Council please provide an update on the progress of the Pontrhondda Bridge scheme and a timescale for completion?"</p>
10	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor S Rees to the Deputy Leader of the Council, and Cabinet Member for Council Business County Borough Councillor M Webber:</b></p> <p>"Can the Deputy Leader please outline the Council's ongoing programme of events including what support the Council provides to town centres?"</p>
11	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor M Adams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</b></p> <p>"What representations will the Leader and the WLGA make ahead of the 2020 draft budget?"</p>

12	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor L. Hooper to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</b></p> <p>“In light of the cabinet’s decision in March to progress to stage two the business case for improvements to the A473 Tonteg Road, can the cabinet member please outline the process and timescale for the development of the business case?”</p>
13	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor J James to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</b></p> <p>“With Wales recently celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the creation of the Welsh Assembly, will the leader of the council outline the impact that devolution has had on the people of RCT?”</p>
14	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor D Owen-Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader of the Council provide an update on the progress of the 3 year - £23.5m Highways Scheme?”</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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