



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

31st JULY 2019

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION.

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present the order of public questions for Members response, as detailed within 4.3 of the report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Receive the Questions and any supplementary questions proposed, as in accordance with the Council's Open Government Council Meeting Procedure Rules.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To receive the questions and any supplementary questions posed by Members of the Public, as indicated within the report.

4. MEMBERS QUESTION ON NOTICE

- 4.1 The closing date for receipt of public Questions to the Council Business Unit for the July Council meeting was 5pm on the 18th July 2019.
- 4.2 8 questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 22nd July, to determine the 6 questions to be taken forward at the Council Meeting, as in accordance with Procedure Rule 3.2.
- 4.3 The results of the ballot are outlined below:

1	<p>Question from Ms. L. Chinnock-Davies to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Please could the leader of the council, Andrew Morgan comment on the distance, in miles, the 60% of children currently based at PSN from Ynysybwl, Glyncoch and Coed y Cwm would need to travel if a new Welsh Language school was to be built in the empty site at Glyncoch (which according to many FOI requests and reassurance from RCT, has no future plans for development).”</p>
2	<p>Question From Ms S. Holmes to the Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:</p> <p>“Could the Councillor for Education please comment on what proportion of 74.8% A*-C grades at Coleg Y Cymoedd were young people living outside of RCTCBC or were mature students?”</p>
3	<p>Question From Ms. A Gerrard to the Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:</p> <p>“Given that the new intake at YGG PontSionNorton for September is significantly lower than it has been in previous years (I believe there are 26 in this intake compared to 43 in the previous year) what are RCTCBC doing to encourage and assist parents in the North of Pontypridd to continue to choose a Welsh medium education?”</p>
4	<p>Question from Mrs M Chinnock to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Could the Leader of the Council, Andrew Morgan comment on the distance that presently a parent/carer/guardian from Ynysybwl has to travel by public transport to attend a parents' evening or school assembly at Pont Sion Norton and the distance that will be needed to travel to a school in Rhydyfelin?”</p>

5	<p>Question From Mr. L. Herniman to the Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:</p> <p>“Could the councillor of education comment on the number of parents who have transferred their children from the English medium to the Welsh medium side of Heol Y Celyn during this year or in preparation for September 2019?”</p>
6	<p>Question From Ms. C. Lises to the Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:</p> <p>“Would the Cabinet Member for Education like to make a statement on the differences in the number of exclusions and in year transfers for the new 'super-schools/all-through schools' compared to secondary schools that have not been redeveloped in the Rhondda and Cynon valleys?”</p>

- 4.4 In accordance with Council procedure rule 3.1 a period of up to 5 minutes each shall be allowed for 6 questions to put and answered at the meeting and for supplementary questions and answers thereto under these rules.

5. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

- 5.1 The Presiding Member was advised upon in relation to each of the questions received.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Open Government Council Meeting Procedure Rule 3 allows Members of the Public the opportunity to ask a question at meetings of Council, promoting openness and transparency.

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 the Open Government Council Meeting Procedure Rules.

9. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES.

- 9.1 The opportunity for Members of the public 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 questions of the public 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 Constitution – [Open Government Council meeting procedure rules.](#)

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