



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

18TH September 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 September Council meeting was 5pm on the 5TH September 2019.
- 4.2 17 questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 9TH September, to determine the running order of the questions at the Council Meeting.
- 4.3 The results of the ballot are outlined below:

Number	Corresponding Question
1	<p>From County Borough Councillor E Griffiths to the Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member for Education and Inclusion Services make a statement outlining what steps the Council will take in 2022 to address the gap in Welsh medium education provision north of Pontypridd, when Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg PontSion Norton is shut down?”</p> <p>“Gall yr Aelod Cabinet ar faterion Addysg a Gwasanaethau Cynhwysiant wneud datganiad yn egluro pa gamau bydd y Cyngor yn cymryd yn y dyfodol i fynd i’r afael a diffyg darprïaeth o addysg cyfrwng Cymraeg yn ngogledd Pontypridd yn y flwyddyn 2022 pan fydd Ysgol Gynradd Pont Sion Norton yn cau?”</p>
2	<p>From County Borough Councillor G Hughes to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure & Heritage Services County Borough Councillor A Crimmings:</p> <p>“Would the cabinet member please outline what progress has been made in delivering the improvement works to King George V athletics track and what timeline users can expect to be able to make use of the new facility?”</p>
3	<p>From County Borough Councillor W. Lewis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Could the Leader of the Council please provide an update on the progress of the Pontrhonda Bridge scheme and a timescale for completion?”</p>
4	<p>From County Borough Councillor J Brencher to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the leader please make a statement on the recent youth issues across RCT and outline what steps the</p>

	council is taking to support young people and work with the police to identify those causing problems?”
5	<p>From County Borough Councillor D.Owen Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Leader of The Council provide an update on the progress of the 3 year - £23.5m Highways Scheme ?”</p>
6	<p>From County Borough Councillor G Davies to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure & Heritage Services County Borough Councillor A Crimmings:</p> <p>“A wnech chi rhoi adroddiad ar weithgareddau yr haf yn Rhondda Cynon Yn ddiffuant”</p> <p>“Will you provide a report on summer activities held in Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>
7	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor E Stephens to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“A fyddai arweinydd y Cyngor yn rhoi diweddariad ar ddatblygiadau pontydd Cwm Rhondda os gwelwch yn dda?”</p> <p>“Would the Leader of the Council provide an update on developments relating to bridges in the Rhondda Valley please?”</p>
8	<p>From County Borough Councillor G Stacey to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure & Heritage Services County Borough Councillor A Crimmings:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet member with responsibility for Leisure Services outline what effect that this Council’s investment in our Council owned Leisure Centres has had on the Leisure4life membership scheme?”</p>

9	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M Powell to the Cabinet member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D R Bevan:</p> <p>“Would the responsible cabinet member make a statement on the current situation regarding the Pontypridd YMCA refurbishment?”</p>
10	<p>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>
11	<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>
12	<p>From County Borough Councillor S Evans to the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, County Borough Councillor T Leyshon:</p> <p>“Please can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the first year of the Resilient Families Service?”</p>
13	<p>From County Borough Councillor S.Rees to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“ Can the Leader of the Council please make a statement on the Valley Regional Park and update members on the progress of the bids for Rhondda Cynon Taff’s Discovery Gateways “</p>
14	<p>From County Borough Councillor H.Boggis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Could the Leader please make a statement on the extension of the Aberdare Bypass?”</p>

15	<p>From County Borough Councillor D Grehan to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>"Yn dilyn damwaith ar y ffordd yn Gwern Heulog, Tonyrefail, yn ddiweddar, a yw'r cyngor o'r farn bod y mesurau arafu traffig presennol yn ddigonol?"</p> <p>"Following a road accident at Gwern Heulog, Tonyrefail recently, does the council believe that current traffic calming measures are adequate?"</p>
16	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J James to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</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>
17	<p>From County Borough Councillor H Fychan to the Cabinet Member Stronger Communities, Wellbeing and Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor Rhys Lewis:</p> <p>"Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on what is being done to improve access to public toilets in Pontypridd Town Centre, including what access will be made available at Llys Cadwyn?"</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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