



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL**

5th FEBRUARY 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 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 January Council meeting was 5pm on the 23rd January 2020.
- 4.2 Sixteen questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 27th January 2020, to determine the running order of the questions at the Council Meeting.
- 4.3 The results of the ballot are outlined below:-

Number	Questions
1	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Harries to the Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, County Borough Councillor M. Norris:-</p> <p>“Would the relevant Cabinet Member please make a statement on the Discretionary Assistance Fund in RCT?”</p>
2	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. Hughes to the Leader of the Council County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:-</p> <p>“Will the Leader please outline what impact he sees the potential introduction of a congestion charge for certain areas of Cardiff having on RCT residents?”</p>
3	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. James to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:-</p> <p>“With United Kingdom now having left the European Union, what is the Council planning to do to mark this great occasion?”</p>
4	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor W. Treeby to the Deputy Leader, County Borough Councillor M. Webber:-</p> <p>“Could the Deputy Leader please provide an update on the Councils hugely successful employment programmes, including the apprenticeships and graduate schemes, and confirm the Authority’s commitment to continuing these schemes over the remainder of this council term?”</p>
5	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Bonetto to the Cabinet Member for Adult & Children’s Services, County Borough Councillor C. Leyshon:-</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the Stay Well@ Home Service and outline what plans are in place to mitigate winter pressures”</p>
6	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor H. Fychan to the Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture & the Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:-</p> <p>“Pa effaith mae’r PSPO ddaeth i rym yn 2018 ym Mhontypridd wedi ei gael ar daclo ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol yn y dref ac oes yna unrhyw newidiadau i’r cynllun ar y gweill, neu gamau pellach yn cael eu cymryd i fynd i’r afael a’r materion sy’n parhau i bryderu trigolion a busnesau lleol?”</p>

	<p>"What impact has the PSPO, that came into force in 2018 in Pontypridd, had on tackling anti-social behaviour in the town and are there any changes to the scheme in the pipeline, or further steps being taken to address the issues that continue to concern local residents and businesses?"</p>
7	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor R. Yeo to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:-</p> <p>"Can the Leader of the Council please update members on the progress of the proposal to develop the rail network between Beddau and North West Cardiff".</p>
8	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor L. Jones to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, County Borough Councillor M. Norris:-</p> <p>"I understand that the council is considering selling off parcels of land to raise revenue, is the consultation process going to consider the impact on the surrounding residents?"</p>
9	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M. Forey to the Leader of the Council County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:-</p> <p>"The potential introduction of a congestion charge for the City of Cardiff will have a significant effect on the wider Cardiff Capital Region area. To that end can the Leader confirm that this issue is being considered on a regional basis and what view the CCR City Deal Joint Cabinet has taken on the proposals?"</p>
10	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor H. Boggis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:-</p> <p>"Would the leader of the council provide members with an update on the proposed extension of the Aberdare line to Hirwaun/Rhigos?"</p>
11	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor E. Griffiths to the Cabinet Member for Adult and Children's Services, County Borough Councillor T. Leyshon:-</p> <p>"Dros y misoedd diwethaf mae hi wedi dod i'r amlwg bod niferoedd cynyddol o blant a phobl ifanc rhwng 12 a 17 oed yn ymgasglu ym Mhontypridd i gymdeithasu ar nosweithiau Gwener a Sadwrn. Weithiau bydd cynifer a 30 neu 40 ohonynt mewn grwpiau yn ymgasglu yn y dref ac o gwmpas y dref. Gall yr Aelod Cabinet dros wasanaethau plant ac oedolion egluro pa wasanaethau a gweithgareddau sydd yn cael eu cynnig i'r plant a phobl ifanc hyn i sicrhau eu bod yn cael eu cadw yn weithgar ac yn staff, mewn ffordd sydd yn eu cadw'n ddiogel o beryglon economi nos Pontypridd?"</p>

	<p>“Over the last few months it has become apparent that increasing numbers of young people between about 12 and 17 are coming into Pontypridd town to socialise on Friday and / or Saturday nights. Sometimes there can be as many as 30 or 40 of them in groups congregating in and around town. Can the Cabinet Member for children and adult services, explain what services and activities are being offered to the children and young people, to ensure they are occupied in a safe way that keeps them from being put at risk by the night time economy of Pontypridd?”</p>
12	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor L. M. Adams to the Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture & the Welsh Language County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:-</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member please make a statement on the Welsh index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) for 2019 which was published in November?”</p>
13	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor P Jarman to the Cabinet Member for Adult & Children’s Services, County Borough Councillor C Leyshon:-</p> <p>“How many families are living in poverty in Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council?”</p>
14	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Williams to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development and Housing County Borough Councillor D. R. Bevan:-</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the Llys Cadwyn development and outline whether the project is on time and on budget”</p>
15	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Pickering to Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure and Heritage Services, Councillor A. Crimmings: -</p> <p>“This Council has made significant investment in leisure and sports facilities over recent years in support of creating a ‘healthy and active RCT’. Can the Cabinet Member please outline what further investments in sports facilities and parks is planned for the forthcoming financial year?”</p>
16	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G. Thomas to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, County Borough Councillor M. Norris:-</p>

	“Can the relevant Cabinet Member please provide an update on the delivery of the Council’s digital transformation strategy?”
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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

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