



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021**

**MEMBERS QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION.**

**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 10<sup>TH</sup> March Council meeting was 5pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
- 4.2 24 questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021, 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><b>From County Borough Councillor J. Bonetto to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader give an update on the plans for the new Train Station in Treforest Estate?”</p>
2	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor M Powell to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</b></p> <p>Would Cllr. Morgan state what the Councils policy or attitude is to reducing vehicular emissions to improve air quality in residential areas of RCT in light of the recent Southwark Coroners ruling, link below.</p> <p>"On 16 December, Southwark Coroner's Court in London found that air pollution "made a material contribution" to the death of nine-year-old Ella Adoo-Kissi-Debrah."</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-55352247">https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-55352247</a></p>
3	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor T. Williams to the Cabinet Member for Education and Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J. Rosser:</b></p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member outline what support the Welsh Government and the Council are providing in terms of Free School Meals?”</p>
4	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor H. Boggis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader provide an update on discussions with the Welsh Government regarding the timeframe for the dualling of the Heads of the Valleys road now that work has started?”</p>
5	<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 Leader make a statement on the recent findings of the report on maternity services at Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB?’</p>

6	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor S. Morgans to the Cabinet Member for Education and Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:</b></p> <p>“Will the cabinet member please provide an update of the latest position and the timescale for the community engagement plans for the development of a new school for YGG LLyn Y Forwyn.”</p>
7	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor E. Webster to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</b></p> <p>“The river wall at Swn Yr Afon, Treorchy, was seriously damaged during Storm Dennis. Is this council going to support the residents and repair the wall?”</p>
8	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor R. Yeo to the Cabinet Member for Adult Community Services and the Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor G. Hopkins:</b></p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member please make a statement on visiting arrangements at care homes across the County?”</p>
9	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor S. Bradwick 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 flood alleviation scheme bids for the forthcoming year please?”</p>
10	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Rees to the Chair of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, County Borough Councillor S Rees-Owen:</b></p> <p>“What consideration has your Committee afforded to the Council’s response to support distanced learning during the pandemic period?”</p>
11	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor G. Caple to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</b></p> <p>“Can the Council Leader give an update on Porth Interchange and the funding package that’s being assembled, including from the City Deal?”</p>
12	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor S. M. Powell to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Wellbeing and Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</b></p> <p>“How is this Council progressing plans for the introduction of Electric Charge Points throughout Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>

13	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor J. James to the Cabinet Member for Adult Community Services &amp; Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor G Hopkins:</b></p> <p>“Could the relevant cabinet member make a statement on the current situation regarding Treforest Learning Curve?”</p>
14	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor W. Lewis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader provide an update on the recent land slip at Pentre?”</p>
15	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor G. Hughes to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Council Business, County Borough Councillor M Webber:</b></p> <p>“Can the Deputy Leader provide an update on progress of the Welsh Government’s introduction on lowering the voting age to 16 and what steps this Council is taking to engage with those who are or will be newly enfranchised?”</p>
16	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor G. Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</b></p> <p>“Can the council leader please provide an update on the Zipworld development and outline the expected local impact in terms of jobs and local economy”.</p>
17	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor G R Davies to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D R Bevan:</b></p> <p>“A wnech chi ddatganiad ar dwristiaeth yn mhen uchaf Cwm Rhondda Fawr?”</p> <p>“Will you make a statement on tourism in the Upper Rhondda Fawr area?”</p>
18	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor H. Fychan to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Well-being &amp; Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</b></p> <p>“Could you provide an update on measures being undertaken in Pontypridd Town Centre to tackle anti-social behaviour?”</p>

19	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor E Griffiths to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, County Borough Councillor M Norris:</b></p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services make a statement outlining the progress that has been made to ensure the LA’s pension scheme is reducing the investments in companies profiteering from fossil fuel production”.</p>
20	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor S Rees-Owen to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</b></p> <p>“Can you inform members of any Council involvement with the off-road vehicle situation in the county borough please?”</p>
21	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor G. Thomas to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</b></p> <p>“Will the Leader please update on whether there are any planned programmes to address the ongoing flooding issue on Rhigos Road”.</p>
22	<p><b>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>
23	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor E. George to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</b></p> <p>“Will the Leader please make a statement on the Community Testing programme in Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>
24	<p><b>From County Borough Councillor P. Jarman to the Cabinet Member for Adult Community Services &amp; Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor G Hopkins:</b></p> <p>“Does the Council have Intergenerational Policies?”</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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