



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

31st JULY 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 July Council meeting was 5pm on the 18th July 2019.
- 4.2 24 questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 22nd July, to determine the running order of the questions at the Council Meeting.
- 4.3 The results of the ballot are outlined below:

1	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J Cullwick to the Cabinet Member for Adult Community Services & Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor G Hopkins:</p> <p>“Can the Member advise how many of the Cabinet speak Welsh, those that are currently learning and those that are planning to learn Welsh in the next academic year?”</p>
2	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J Williams, to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Council Business, County Borough Councillor M Webber:</p> <p>'In your role as Cabinet Member for Council business can you advise whether there is there a Performance Indicator that measures email response times between officers and Members ?'</p>
3	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G Cople to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Council Business, County Borough Councillor M Webber:</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>
4	<p>Question From County Borough Councillor A Cox to the Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:</p> <p>“Can you advise what plans the authority has to help meet the Welsh Government target of 1 million Welsh speakers, in particular what plans the authority has to increase the provision of Welsh medium Education?”</p>
5	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor P Jarman to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>"Can you highlight any part of your portfolio responsibilities that are under invested in ? "</p>
6	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S Evans to the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, County Borough Councillor T Leyshon:</p> <p>“Can the cabinet member provide an update on the first year of the resilient families service?”</p>

7	<p>Question 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>
8	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M Adams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“What representations will the Council Leader and the WLGA make ahead of the 2020 draft budget?”</p>
9	<p>From County Borough Councillor Doug Williams to 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>
10	<p>Question From County Borough Councillor S Rees to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure & Heritage Services, County Borough Councillor A Crimmings:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please make a statement on the Valleys Regional Park and update Members on the progress of the bids for Rhondda Cynon Taf’s Two Discovery Gateways?”</p>
11	<p>Question 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 Pontrhondda Bridge scheme and a timescale for completion?”</p>
12	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor G Davies to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>A newch chi ddatganiad ar gynlluniau i ddarparu llonydd seiclo yn Gwm Rhondda Fawr?</p>

	<p>'Will you please make a statement on the plans to provide cycle lanes in the Rhondda Fawr?'</p>
13	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S Morgans to cabinet member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D R Bevan:</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>
14	<p>From County Borough Councillor G. Stacey to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure and 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>
15	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor H Fychan to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Wellbeing and Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R 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>
16	<p>Question From County Borough Councillor L Jones to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure & Heritage Services, County Borough Councillor A Crimmings:</p> <p>"Regarding the 4 week consultation on the future of the Gelli Recycling Centre. One of the reasons set out in the report is the high number of break-ins at the site, please can you quantify the number of actual break-ins and acts of vandalism recorded?"</p>
17	<p>Question 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 Council is taking to support young people and work with the police to identify those causing problems?"</p>

18	<p>Question 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>
19	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor E Griffiths to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Wellbeing and Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R Lewis:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member for stronger Communities, Well-being and Cultural Services provide an update on what action the Council is taking to assess levels of air pollution around schools in RCT?”</p> <p>“All yr Aelod o’r Cabinet ar faterion Cymunedau Cadarn, Llesiant a Gwasanaethau Diwylliannol roi diweddariad am yr hyn mae’r Cyngor yn ei wneud o ran asesu lefelau llygredd awry tu allan i ysgolion yn Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>
20	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D Grehan to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>"Yn dilyn damwaith yn Gwern Heulog, Tonyrefail, a yw'r cyngor o'r farn bod y mesurau arafu traffig presennol yn ddigonol?"</p> <p>“Following an accident in Gwern Heulog, Tonyrefail, does the Council believe that the current traffic calming measures are adequate?”</p>
21	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor L. Hooper to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</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>
22	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J Davies to the Chair of Democratic Services Committee, Councillor Borough Councillor M Diamond:</p> <p>“What are your Committees priorities in relation to equal treatment for all members?”</p>

23	<p>From County Borough Councillor H. Boggis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Leader make a statement on the extension to the Aberdare Bypass?”</p>
24	<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>

- 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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