



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL**

15 JANUARY 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 2nd January 2020.
- 4.2 Thirteen questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 6th 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	Question
1	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor H. Boggis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor Andrew Morgan:-</p> <p>“Will the Leader make a statement on the extension to the Aberdare Bypass?”</p>
2	<p>Question from County Borough Council G. Caple to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing County Borough Councillor D. R. Bevan:-</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please make a statement on the extension of the Council’s Empty Property Strategy and its extension to a regional footprint under the Valleys Taskforce?”</p>
3	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J Brencher to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing County Borough Councillor D. R. Bevan:-</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the progress of Awen in regard to the Muni as a cultural centre in Pontypridd?”</p>
4	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor A. S. Fox to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:-</p> <p>“Following the publication of the Provisional Local Government Settlement, what priorities for investment will the Cabinet seek to prioritise as part of its draft budget strategy for 2020/21?”</p>
5	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M. Griffiths to the Leader of the Council County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:-</p> <p>“Climate change is the responsibility of us all. But we don’t all know what we can do. What steps is the Council taking to engage communities in responding to the challenge of climate change?”</p>
6	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Powell to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:-</p> <p>“What steps is the Council taking to become a carbon neutral organisation?”</p>
7	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor S. Rees to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure & Heritage Services, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:-</p> <p>“Please will the Cabinet Member provide an update on the improvements and investment into Dare Valley Country Park?”</p>
8	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Bonetto to the Cabinet Member for Adult Community Services & Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor G. Hopkins:-</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>
9	<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>
10	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor P Jarman to the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People County Borough Councillor C Leyshon:-</p> <p>“How many families are living in poverty in Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC's administrative area?”</p>
11	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor K. Morgan to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:-</p> <p>“How many parking enforcement officers does the Council employ and how much income was generated from them during the last financial year?”</p>
12	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor M Adams to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Well-being & Cultural Services, 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 G. Thomas to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, County Borough Councillor M. Norris:-</p> <p>“Can the relevant Cabinet Member please provide an update on the delivery of the Council's digital transformation strategy?”</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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