



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL**

**29<sup>th</sup> JULY 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 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 July Council meeting was 5pm on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020.
- 4.2 Seventeen questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 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><b>Question from County Borough Councillor H Fychan to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan</b></p> <p>“Can you outline how it is intended to consult Councillors on the impact of COVID19 on their wards to help inform the Council’s planning for recovery and preparation for a potential second wave?”</p>
2	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor G Hughes to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:-</b></p> <p>“What steps are the council taking to support the local economy?”</p>
3	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor S Rees-Owen to the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, County Borough Councillor C Leyshon:-</b></p> <p>“Can you make a statement on the increasing numbers of children looked after during the pandemic?”</p>
4	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor G R Davies to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:-</b></p> <p>“A wnewch chi datganiad ar effaith Clovid19 ar Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p> <p>“Please can you make a statement on the effect of Covid-19 on Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>
5	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor E Webster to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:-</b></p> <p>“Winter storms have caused major flooding issues in many of our communities. Is there a timescale for fixing the culverts that failed in Treorchy during Storm Dennis?”</p>
6	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor A S Fox 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 the Cross Valley Link”</p>
7	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor H Boggis to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:-</b></p> <p>“Will the Leader please make a statement on the duelling of the A465 (Heads of the Valley Road)”</p>
8	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor G Caple to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:-</b></p>

	<p>“Will the Leader provide Full Council with an update on the progress of the South Wales Metro?”</p>
9	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor E Stephens to the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, County Borough Councillor C Leyshon:-</b></p> <p>“A fydd yr aelod yn rhestrïr 5 ward Cyngor gyda’r niferoedd uchaf o blant mewn tlodi a rhoi datganiad ar y sefyllfa bresennol os gwelwch yn dda?”</p> <p>“Will the member list the 5 council wards with the highest numbers of children in poverty and give a statement on the current situation please”</p>
10	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor M Griffiths to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor R Bevan:-</b></p> <p>“What assistance is the Council giving to town centres and village centres in Rhondda Cynon Taf to assist trading whilst maintaining social distancing?”</p>
11	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor E Griffiths to the Cabinet Member for Education &amp; Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:-</b></p> <p>“Rwyf yn croesawi fod plant yn cael dychwelyd i’r ysgol llawn amser yn Mis Medi yn unol a Chanllawiau Llywodraeth Cymru. Yn anffodus mae rhagolygon gwyddonol yn rhagweld y bydd cynnydd mewn achosion COVID19 dros y gaeaf. Fedrwch chi ddweud wrthym pa gynlluniau sydd gan y cyngor i wella’r profiad o addysg gartref neu addysg gyfunol i bob plentyn - yn arbennig i’r rheiny sydd yn byw mewn tlodi neu sy’n fregus, os bydd rhaid cloi lawr yn rhannol neu gau lawr yn llwyr eto”.</p> <p>“I welcome the return of children to full time school in September in line with Welsh Government guidance. Unfortunately scientific predictions indicate a likely rise in COVID19 incidences over the winter. Can you tell us what plans the council have to improve the experience of home / blended education for all children especially for those living in poverty or those who are vulnerable, if it becomes necessary to have partial or full lockdown again.”</p>
12	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor J James to the Leader of the Council County Borough Councillor A Morgan:-</b></p> <p>“Will the leader of the Council make a statement on the provision of school meals during the current COVID-19 crisis?”</p>

13	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor J Brencher to the Cabinet Member for Education &amp; Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:-</b></p> <p>“How is RCT planning to support vulnerable children during the summer period?”</p>
14	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor G Thomas to the Cabinet Member for Education &amp; Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:-</b></p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the progress of investment into Hirwaun Primary?”</p>
15	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor J Bonetto to the Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member for Council Business, County Borough Councillor M Webber:-</b></p> <p>“Will the Deputy Leader update Council on the support the local authority has provided to Community Councils over the last three months?”</p>
16	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor P Jarman to the Cabinet Member for Children &amp; Young People County Borough Councillor C Leyshon:-</b></p> <p>“How many children are Looked After in the County and how many are on the at risk register?”</p>
17	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor D Owen-Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:-</b></p> <p>“Will the Leader please provide an update on the delivery of the Capital Programme”</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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