



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL**

7th OCTOBER 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 7th October Council meeting was 5pm on the 24th September 2020.
- 4.2 Thirteen questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 28th September 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>From County Borough Councillor G R Davies to the Leader of the Council County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“A gwnnech chi ddatganiad ar yr effaith ar y Cyngor os mae'r Deyrnas Unedig yn gadael yr Undeb Ewropeaidd heb cytundeb?”</p> <p>“Will you make a statement on how the UK leaving the European Union without a deal will impact the Council?”</p>
2	<p>From County Borough Councillor J. Brencher to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure and Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the work to repair the damage sustained at the Ponty Lido?”</p>
3	<p>From County Borough Councillor S. Bradwick to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure and Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the various projects ongoing at Dare Valley Country Park as part of the Valleys Regional Park initiative?”</p>
4	<p>From County Borough Councillor M. Forey to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“How is this Council communicating with residents and ensuring that messages around social distancing, hand hygiene practices and wearing a face covering in the necessary situations are conveyed?”</p>
5	<p>From County Borough Councillor T. Williams to the Deputy Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor M. Webber:</p> <p>“Can the Deputy Leader please provide an update on the Council's apprenticeship and graduate programme?”</p>
6	<p>From County Borough Councillor G. W. Hughes to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“How is the Council engaging with partner organisations to respond to coronavirus clusters identified in our communities?”</p>

7	<p>From County Borough Councillor D. Owen-Jones to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Wellbeing and Cultural Services County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</p> <p>“How is the Council supporting vulnerable residents, particularly with mental health issues, during the coronavirus pandemic?”</p>
8	<p>From County Borough Councillor R. Yeo to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Leader/Cabinet Member please make a statement on visiting arrangements at care homes across the County?”</p>
9	<p>From County Borough Councillor D. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Council Leader make a statement on the damage sustained to infrastructure across the County during the flood events earlier this year?”</p>
10	<p>From County Borough Councillor P Jarman to the Chair of Democratic Services, Councillor M Diamond:</p> <p>“Can you advise what role you and the Democratic Services Services Committee play in promoting good governance?”</p>
11	<p>From County Borough Councillor J. Harries to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D. R. Bevan:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member please outline what support and advice has been provided to local businesses throughout the pandemic?”</p>
12	<p>From County Borough Councillor A. S. Fox to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Council Leader outline what impact the coronavirus pandemic has had on the Council’s finances and what support has been provided by the Welsh Government?”</p>
13	<p>From County Borough Councillor J. Elliott to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</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>

- 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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