



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL**

11th NOVEMBER 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 11th November Council meeting was 5pm on the 29th October 2020.
- 4.2 Thirty questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 2nd November 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 Hughes to Cllr Powell, Chair of the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee:</p> <p>“What considerations is the Finance & Performance Scrutiny Committee giving to the likely financial consequences of a potential no-deal Brexit later this year?”</p>
2	<p>From County Borough Councillor J Brencher to the Cabinet Member for Adult Community Services & Welsh Language County Borough Councillor G Hopkins:</p> <p>“Could the council give an update on the progress of the extra care facility in Pontypridd?”</p>
3	<p>From County Borough Councillor M Powell to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>"Would the leader make a statement on the Council's progress to repair or otherwise the White Bridge in Pontypridd please?"</p>
4	<p>From County Borough Councillor R K Turner to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Council Leader please outline progress on the development of the Llanharan by pass?”</p>
5	<p>From County Borough Councillor W Lewis to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D R Bevan:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member make a statement on the number of social housing units being developed across RCT and update on the level of demand for good quality affordable rental properties?”</p>
6	<p>From County Borough Councillor M Forey to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Can you outline the working and planning arrangements with the local Health Board for the ongoing COVID -19 pandemic and also wider winter planning?”</p>
7	<p>From County Borough Councillor P Jarman to the Deputy Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor M Webber:</p>

	<p>“Which Council Staff are designated Key Workers?”</p>
8	<p>From County Borough Councillor L De Vet to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Well-being and Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R Lewis:</p> <p>“Would the Cabinet Member please update Members on the work of the Climate Change Steering Committee?”</p>
9	<p>County Borough Councillor A S Fox to the Chair of the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee, County Borough Councillor M Powell:</p> <p>“As Chair of the Committee with responsibility for scrutinising prosperity and regeneration, what do you believe the consequences of a no-deal Brexit to be for our County Borough?”</p>
10	<p>From County Borough Councillor K Morgan to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D R Bevan:</p> <p>“Would you make a statement regarding this council's ambitions for supporting tourism and recreation in the North of the Cynon Valley please?”</p>
11	<p>From County Borough Councillor G Thomas to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D R Bevan:</p> <p>“Can you provide an update on the ZipWorld Development in terms of progress and if a planned opening date is known?”</p>
12	<p>Question from County Borough Councillor D Grehan to the Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:-</p> <p>"All yr aelod rhoi esboniad o'r system bresennol ar gyfer bwcio lle mewn clwb brechwast?"</p> <p>“Please can the Member explain what is the current system for reserving a place in a breakfast club?”</p>
13	<p>From County Borough Councillor H Boggis to the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, T Leyshon</p> <p>“In light of the coronavirus pandemic, can the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services confirm whether the Santa Appeal still be taking place this year?”</p>

14	<p>From County Borough Councillor L Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Is there any support from the Council for patients recovering from Coronavirus?”</p>
15	<p>From County Borough Councillor G Caple to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“What impact will the establishment of the Lighthouse Lab in Newport have on testing for residents in Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>
16	<p>From County Borough Councillor P Howe to the Leader of the Council, County borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“As leader of this council do you ever get embarrassed by questions from your own Labour group members that ask you to comment on issues easily found on the council website and sent to us fellow councillors in the daily briefings from exceptionally hard working officers?”</p>
17	<p>From County Borough Councillor J Cullwick to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>Mae corona-feirws wedi bod yn drasiedi enfawr, ond mae hefyd wedi bod yn fuddugoliaeth i Gymru. Mae Cymru wedi dod at ei gilydd, mae Rhondda Cynon Taf wedi dod at ei gilydd ac mae pob plaid wleidyddol wedi ymladd gyda'i gilydd i leihau nifer y marwolaethau trasig sydd gan ein ffrindiau, ein cymdogion a'n teulu.</p> <p>Mae llawer yn y byd yn credu bod Cymru wedi ymdrin â'r pandemig hwn yn well na'r tair gwlad arall yn y Deyrnas Unedig. Pwy, yn eich barn chi, sydd wedi bod yn gyfrifol yn y pen draw am iechyd yng Nghymru yn ystod y cyfnod hwn? Mark Drakeford neu Boris Johnson neu rywun arall?</p> <p>Coronavirus has been a huge tragedy, but it has also been a triumph for Wales. Wales has come together, RCT has come together and all political parties here have fought together to minimise hospital admissions and reduce the number of tragic deaths of our friends, neighbours and family.</p> <p>Many in the world believe Wales has handled this pandemic better than the other three nations of the United Kingdom. Who, in your opinion, Leader, has been ultimately responsible for health in Wales during this period? Mark Drakeford or Boris Johnson or somebody else?</p>

18	<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>
19	<p>From County Borough Councillor E Griffiths to the Cabinet Member for Education & Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:</p> <p>“Fel y gwyddoch, rydym yn dal i weld cyfnodau byr pan fo plant a phobl ifanc yn gorfod cael eu dysgu mewn modd cyfunol, oherwydd eu bod o dan glo neu oherwydd eu bod yn hunan ynysu yn sgil y system Tracio, Profi ag Orlhain. Gall yr aeled Cabinet dros Blant amlinellu sut gallwn fod yn siwr fod gan bob plentyn yn RhCT offer TG a mynediad i'r wê sydd ei angen iddyn fedri parhau gyda'u haddysg?”</p> <p>“As you are all aware, we are still seeing short periods of time where children and young people have to be taught through blended learning, either as a result of lockdown or as a result of isolation due to being contacted as a potential contacts through the Track, Trace and Protect programme. Can the cabinet member for children’s services outline how we can be sure that all children and young people in RCT have the IT and internet connectivity that they need to continue with their Education from home.”</p>
20	<p>From County Borough Councillor G Jones to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D R Bevan:</p> <p>“Will the Cabinet Member please highlight what support is available, to businesses in RCT during the coronavirus pandemic”</p>
21	<p>From County Borough Councillor J Bonetto to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Leader give an update on the plans for the new Train Station in Treforest Estate?”</p>
22	<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>

23	<p>From County Borough Councillor S Pickering to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</p> <p>“Can the Leader update on progress on Storm Dennis repairs across the County?”</p>
24	<p>From County Borough Councillor G Stacey to the Deputy Leader of the Council County Borough Councillor M Webber:</p> <p>“How is this Council supporting employment in Rhondda Cynon Taf during the Covid 19 Pandemic”</p>
25	<p>From County Borough Councillor S Evans to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure and Heritage Services, County Borough Councillor A. Crimmings:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the latest recycling figures for RCT?”</p>
26	<p>From County Borough Councillor H Fychan 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 Communications strategy?”</p>
27	<p>From County Borough Councillor S Bradwick to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D R Bevan:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the new industrial units being built in Robertstown?”</p>
28	<p>From County Borough Councillor E George to the Cabinet Member for Education and Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J Rosser:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member please outline what support is in place for children in receipt of Free School Meals?”</p>
29	<p>From County Borough Councillor G R Davies to the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing, County Borough Councillor D R Bevan:</p> <p>“A wnech chi ddatganiad ar dwristiaeth yn mhen uchaf Cwm Rhondda Fawr?”</p>

	“Will you make a statement on tourism in the Upper Rhondda Fawr area?”
30	<p>From County Borough Councillor L M Adams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</p> <p>“Will the Council Leader make a statement on the work of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal?”</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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