



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL**

**20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021**

**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 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Council meeting was 5pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021.
- 4.2 Sixteen questions were received and put forward to the Council Ballot held on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 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 J. Brencher to the Cabinet Member for Education and Inclusion Services, County Borough Councillor J. Rosser:</b></p> <p>“What support is being provided to schools in RCT to enable and facilitate remote learning?”</p>
2	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor M Griffiths to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader update on what representations are being made by this Local Authority and the WLGA to the UK Government regarding the forthcoming Budget in March?”</p>
3	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor J. Edwards to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</b></p> <p>“Will the Leader please provide an update at the recent landslip at Wattstown Tip?”</p>
4	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor S M Powell to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</b></p> <p>“In what ways does the Council engage with residents to reinforce the key public health messages around Covid-19?”</p>
5	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor T. Williams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</b></p> <p>“Following the extension of the mass testing pilot to the lower Cynon Valley, will the Leader please make a statement on the outcomes and next steps?”</p>
6	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor S Bradwick to the Deputy Leader, County Borough Councillor M Webber:</b></p> <p>“Could the Deputy Leader make a statement on the progress of the Local Government Bill?”</p>
7	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor W. Lewis to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Well-being and Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R. Lewis:</b></p> <p>“What role is the Council playing in supporting mental health services for residents across Rhondda Cynon Taf?”</p>
8	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor R Yeo to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</b></p>

	<p>“Will the Leader/Cabinet Member please make a statement on visiting arrangements at care homes across the County?”</p>
9	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor P Jarman to the Cabinet Member for Adult Community Services &amp; Welsh Language, County Borough Councillor G Hopkins:</b></p> <p>“Does the Council have Intergenerational Policies?”</p>
10	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor L De Vet to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Well-being and Cultural Services, County Borough Councillor R Lewis:</b></p> <p>“Would the Cabinet Member please update Members on the work of the Climate Change Steering Committee?”</p>
11	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor G. Caple to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</b></p> <p>“With a number of Weather Warnings issued across the Christmas and New Year period, will the Leader outline what steps the Council now take to prepare in advance of bad weather?”</p>
12	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor G Hughes to the Deputy Leader, County Borough Councillor M Webber:</b></p> <p>“Could the Deputy leader provide an update on progress of the Welsh Government’s introduction on lowering the voting age to 16 and what steps this council is taking to engage with those who are or will be newly enfranchised?”</p>
13	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor D. Owen-Jones to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A. Morgan:</b></p> <p>“How is the Council supporting partner agencies in preparing for mass vaccination against COVID-19?”</p>
14	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor J Elliott to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</b></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>

15	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor J Bonetto to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</b></p> <p>“Can the Leader give an update on the plans for the new Train Station in Treforest Estate?”</p>
16	<p><b>Question from County Borough Councillor L M Adams to the Leader of the Council, County Borough Councillor A Morgan:</b></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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