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**Please find attached the List of Open Questions in respect of Item 14 on the agenda for the above meeting**

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**OPEN QUESTIONS FOR SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL 25 FEBRUARY 2021**

**Questions from Councillor Robson**

1. To Executive Member for Adult Wellbeing

Can the Executive Member advise whether the Council intends to respond to publication of the Independent Review of Adult Social Care (the Feeley Review) and whether it is involved in consultations about the implications of the Review's findings?

2. To Executive Member for Enhancing The Built Environment And Natural Heritage

Can the Executive Member advise whether the Council was consulted by the Scottish Government about the establishment of the pilot Regional Land Use Partnership for the South of Scotland?

**Questions from Councillor H. Scott**

To Executive Member For Infrastructure, Travel & Transport

1. In August 2018 I asked if the kerb at the foot of Ladhope Bank, Galashiels, could be dropped to allow the safe passage of constituents using wheel chairs, buggies, and other mobility aids. This work has not been carried out despite repeated requests from me asking for a date of completion. This work is essential for the safety of those with mobility needs who wish cross the main A7 road to access the bus stop and shop in High Buckholmside. When will the work be done?

2. In January 2021 Scottish Borders Housing Association reported that trees on the banking between the Gala Park housing complex and the High Street Car Park, Galashiels, had fallen against the complex. The banking is also littered with rubbish and other detritus. Combined with the run of the Mill Lade at the foot of the banking there is the possibility of encouraging rat infestation. A question to the Estates Department of SBC revealed that the ground is apparently owned by Trillium (Prime) Property, based in London.

Whilst not being responsible for the maintenance of the ground, SBC has a responsibility for the health, welfare, and safety of its constituents.

What steps will SBC take to contact Trillium (Prime) Property to remind them of what their responsibilities are with regard to the health, welfare, and safety, of the residents and others who surround their property?

3. I and other elected members are receiving an increasing number of complaints about dog fouling on footways and public parks. I have raised the issue with Police Scotland in an effort to raise awareness, but the police service cannot be everywhere. It is an issue which needs to be addressed by the police service, the general public, and Scottish Borders Council working together.

Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003, Section 4, states, "Every local authority shall authorise in writing at least one person and such other number of persons as they consider necessary or expedient to issue fixed penalty notices in their area in accordance with this Act."

Will Scottish Borders Council now consider authorising staff, in addition to the Police Community Action Team who already have the power, in terms of Section 4 of the Act, and provide them with the necessary training, resource, and appropriate support to enable them to carry out the function of enforcement with regard to the offence listed in Section 1 of that Act?

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