



**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
THURSDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 2021**

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OPEN QUESTIONS FOR SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL 25 NOVEMBER 2021

Question from Councillor Paterson

To Executive Member for Infrastructure, Travel & Transport

While welcoming all moves encourage car drivers to move away from the use of Fossil Fuel and increasing the use of any fuel that does not in any way harm the environment, can the Executive Member please tell me when this administration are having to make yet more cuts to balance the books why are they still allowing the free use for electrical vehicle charging and what is the total cost to the Council tax payer since this was first introduced and are there any plans to introduce charging for the use of electrical vehicle charging in the Scottish Borders?

Questions from Councillor H. Scott

To Executive Member for Infrastructure, Travel & Transport

1. At some point in the future Scottish Borders Council, as the landlord for Lowood House, will take possession of the property.

a) has any assessment been done in relation to repairs and maintenance which may be required, and if not when will such an assessment be made?

b) will the outgoing tenant be required to make a contribution to the cost of any repairs to the property required due to deterioration or damage during the period of their tenancy?

2. Langlee Community Centre House Committee have expressed their concern about the continued use of the Community Centre by the NHS as a Covid19 testing station, thereby denying the use of the large hall and café to the groups who normally use those facilities.

Langlee houses some of the poorest and disadvantaged people in our community. The Community Centre and its facilities, and what they offer in the way of support and companionship, play a vital part in the maintenance of their physical and mental health and wellbeing. Recent correspondence received by me from NHS Scotland shows that the required facilities for a testing station are not overly prescriptive.

Will SBC now look at renewing its effort to finding an alternative site to house the testing station so that the use of the centre is returned to those who need it most?

3. To the Executive Member for Wellbeing, Culture & Sport

Since its opening to the public, how many paying customers have visited the Great Tapestry of Scotland building, and how much revenue has been raised from ticket sales to the attraction?

4. To the Executive Member for Public Protection

On 17 December 2020 I submitted a question asking on how many occasions in 2020 the Police Community Action Team (CAT) had monitored the 20 mph speed limit outside schools. The answer was that none had taken place.

On how many occasions in 2021 has the CAT monitored speed limits outside schools, and if so, which schools were covered by that monitoring?

Question from Councillor Robson

To Executive Member for Wellbeing, Culture & Sport

Can the Executive Member advise when Kelso Library's opening hours will be returned to those prior to COVID lockdown and why this is allegedly linked to extending the opening hours of the Council Contact Centre located therein?

