

OPEN QUESTIONS FOR SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL 26 AUGUST 2021

Question from Councillor Bell

To Executive Member for Economic Regeneration and Finance

My recollection of the 2016 agreement between SBC and CGI was that it included a commitment to set up and maintain a second UK Service Delivery Centre in the Borders with a commitment to the retention of 49 roles transferring under TUPE legislation and the creation of 100 new jobs within 5 years of service transfer.

Where are we now in regards to delivery of new IT jobs and fulfilling of the agreement?

Questions from Councillor Moffat

1. **To Executive Member for Wellbeing, Sport and Culture**

BREST Duns Swimming Pool Trust have due to local support and the tireless work of Kirsty Inkpen and Rosalyn Gresham over the last 24 years carried out two major upgrades totalling 1.8 million pounds sourced through many grants. They have faced many challenges over the years and supported three Olympians with one silver medal winner. In 2010 they were promised £60,000 a year in revenue support which they appreciated and when it was passed by Council it was to be index linked to inflation. This has never been done which is not in my view acceptable. The gas renewal contract has increased by £20,000 so I think it's about time the Council made good its agreement to fund this pool more fairly and increase the revenue grant given that a pound in 2010 is worth around 72 pence now. Can the Executive Member advise if this additional funding will be provided?

2. **To Executive Member for Sustainable Development**

Regarding grass cutting in Coldstream over this summer I have had a steady stream of complaints about the Leet Green and the Tweed Green riverside walks. Tourists and locals are appalled at what one resident named Jurassic Park and the fact you cannot get near the Leet or the Tweed for weeds. It is not a great advert for the first true Border town or tourism. Mums and grannies taking the kids with a net and a bucket cannot gain access to catch minnows etc. The only easy access is at the cauld which is not the safest place for kids. Will the Council look again at grass cutting in places such as Coldstream bearing in mind its often got TV cameras here at every election or political visit not the best advert for the Borders on national and international TV?