

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for questions submitted by a member of the public who either lives or work in the area of the authority.

The question will be answered without discussion. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion. The person to whom a question, or supplementary, has been put may decline to answer it.

The following written question(s) have been received from members of the public.

(a) **Mr S McGregor**

“The Somerhill Governors are disappointed to note that the proposed expansion has been sent to informal consultation before suitable plans have been made available to parents. At no time since January 2008 have Davidgor & Somerhill schools been consulted together, and any combined activities have been initiated by the schools, not the Local Authority. The proposed feasibility study undertaken in July 2008, turned into nothing of substance and I wrote to Di Smith about this in September 2008 expressing concerns. This could almost be considered a deliberate attempt to minimise engagement, despite words to the contrary. However, I would like to concentrate on the future and would like to ask the Cabinet *Member* how they propose to ensure that real and effective participation will be actively supported by the Council, to ensure that any expansion is innovative and visionary, to ensure that we have schools fit for learning and teaching for the next 25 years.”

