

## **Item 9 - Question Time**

To the Leader of the Council

“As concern has been raised at Parent Council meetings about the re-design of janitorial, cleaning and catering staff in our schools, could you confirm that the Re-design Board will be following the principles of the Community Empowerment Bill, meaning that school staff and parents will be given an opportunity to feed their views into the process?”

### Response to Mrs L MacDonald

That is a matter for the Redesign Board to consider and of course that is a cross-party forum. The support arrangements for schools have been discussed regularly with Head Teachers and staff side representatives, and also with Parent Council representatives.

I am confident that the Director of Care & Learning, who is the nominated Champion for Empowerment as part of the Redesign process, will reflect this when he reports to the Redesign Board.