

**Notice of Questions Procedure - Standing Order No. 44  
Council Meeting - Thursday, 7 February 2008**

**Questions to be Posed Following Ballot**

	<b>Question Posed by Councillor</b>
(1) Name the Council's schools that have a police presence – and are these numbers increasing?	Stewart
(2) Can my constituents in Newmains be given a definite assurance that North Lanarkshire Council has a robust 'Disclosure' policy in place when awarding Annual Grants?  Should this Council be checking the criteria for Annual Grants?	McKendrick
(3) Newmains or Murdostoun Action Group as they may be calling themselves now, has received thousands of pounds from this Council over the past five years. Since the Council Elections in May 2007 and the introduction of the multi-member wards I have never been invited to attend any meetings of this Group.  Does this Council agree that it is wrong for a group receiving so much money from the Council to invite only certain Councillors to their meetings and is this Group being political by not inviting all four Councillors to their meetings?  Should this Council be checking the criteria for Annual Grants?	McKendrick
(4) What are the intentions of the Executive Director of Learning and Leisure Services to deal with last year's extremely disappointing Higher results in North Lanarkshire schools – where the authority's schools were third from the bottom of all Scotland's 32 local authorities?	Stewart
(5) In accordance with present Government policy this Council is committed to work through Area Committees/Local Area Partnerships with Community Forums to achieve effective local participation on issues of local significance.  In response to my written questions at the full Council meeting on 30 June 1999 the answers given were:  (a) That there was no evidence that Area Committees with seven members or less were ineffective or inefficient.  (b) That no Community Forum was dissatisfied with small Area Committees.  (c) That the Council will be forcing the extra large North Area Committee, now of 18 members, irrespective of the views of its three Area Forums.  Can the views of the Area Forum representing more than half the North Area population have any real effective local participation other than by holding a minimum of two Area Committees/Local Area Partnerships in Cumbernauld? The large North Area has over a quarter of the population of North Lanarkshire. It is a very diverse area, containing Cumbernauld, which is the largest town in North Lanarkshire. Has not Cumbernauld many entirely different problems from the rest of North Lanarkshire and from the rest of the North Area Committee?  For vital background information see the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee dated 22 June 1999.	Murray
(6) Will Learning and Leisure, consider carrying out a survey with class teachers on discipline in primary and the secondary sector in North Lanarkshire schools?	Stewart

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<p>(7) Can we have the dates when the Council's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Transport policy will be available for public consultation?</li> <li>(b) Draft final Local Plan will be available for public consultation?</li> <li>(c) What time will be allocated for these consultations?</li> <li>(d) Given that there is every possibility of a public inquiry after the Local Plan is published, when is the Local Plan estimated to become effective?</li> </ul>	Murray
<p>(8) What are the numbers of reported assaults on teachers in North Lanarkshire schools over the last five years?</p>	Stewart