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- Young People's Portal Presentation – Lorraine Griffin, Information and Communications Manager, and Roxanne Fulker, Information and Communications Officer, talked through the new young people's portal - Youthlinx. This will be launched in January, and is the new means of keeping in touch with the city's 13-19 year olds. Young people have been at the heart of its development and the portal is web-based with strong links to Facebook. For more information please contact lorraine.griffin@newcastle.gov.uk or Roxanne.fulker@newcastle.gov.uk
- Enjoy and Achieve Progress report – John Collings (for Ian Lane, Director of School Improvement) shared the report. Good news included the 'Go to school superheroes' attendance project, 10 schools in the city achieving the International Schools Award and a group of looked after children visiting the Tracy Beaker set. One of the risk areas around achievement of 5 or more A-C grades at GCSE (or equivalent) acknowledged the work Schools Improvement Service is doing with vulnerable children and young people receiving free school meals to improve outcomes in this area. For more information please contact ian.lane@newcastle.gov.uk
- RISE project – Lusi Manukyan, Volunteer Young Advocate and Nick Brereton, Participation Coordinator, outlined the RISE project. This project worked with over 40 young people from new emerging communities in Newcastle, to find out how they felt about Newcastle, including safety, transport, education and the environment. [A booklet has been produced outlining their findings](#). For more information please contact lusi.manukyan@newcastle.gov.uk or nick.brereton@newcastle.gov.uk
- Children and Young People's Plan – Louise Appleby, Children's Trust Officer. The Children's Trust Board is still committed to producing the Children and Young People's Plan for 2011-2013. It is expected that the Plan will be ready for consultation in February. For more information please contact louise.appleby@newcastle.gov.uk
- NSCB and Children's Trust Board Working Protocol – Louise Appleby (for Lisa McWiggan, NSCB Coordinator). The NSCB and the Children's Trust Board needed to formalise and better indicate how they work together. A document has been produced outlining this. For more information please contact lisa.mcwiggan@newcastle.gov.uk
- The Performance Management and Resources Group (PMRG) was initiated in November. Its aim is to provide an overview to the Children's Trust Board of all resources and commissioning activity, and its current focus has been the Comprehensive Spending Review, and exploring the impact of the settlement. Bridget Atkins, Lead Specialist on Commissioning, is putting together an action plan, identifying work for task and finish groups to address key priorities of commissioning, partnerships, strategy and performance management. For more information please contact Martin.surtees@newcastle.gov.uk