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- Elective Home Education. Jeff Lough, Local Authority Officer for Elective Home Education, NCC, gave a presentation on Elective Home Education in Newcastle. He highlighted the main reasons why children are home educated in Newcastle, and what the responsibilities of the Local Authority are. Although there is no right of access to the home and there are no statutory duties to monitor the quality of education, after an initial support visit Newcastle will endeavour to visit twice a year. There would be additional Local Authority intervention if there were Safeguarding concerns or if a child has a statement of Special Educational Needs. For more information please contact Jeff.lough@newcastle.gov.uk
- NSCB Business Plan. Edwina Harrison, Independent Chair of NSCB introduced the Business Plan which this year is a one year plan. This will be followed by an Annual Report. The Plan is on the [NSCB website](#). For more information please contact Susan.kirkley@newcastle.gov.uk
- Localism Bill. Phil Hunter, Head of Policy and Research, NCC, presented an outline of the Localism Bill which seeks to take power away from town halls and devolve it to communities. The Bill does not directly affect children and young people, however elements will have an impact on them, the biggest being housing reforms. These reforms include tackling homelessness, housing and the allocation of homes, and housing finance. Additional aspects of the Bill include directly elected mayors, community right to challenge, the Local Authority being required to keep a register of community assets and local referendums. For more information please contact Philip.hunter@newcastle.gov.uk
- Changes to Children's Trust Board meetings. From September the Board meetings will move to bi-monthly meetings, and will be held on the second Wednesday of that month. For more information please contact louise.appleby@newcastle.gov.uk