

Newcastle 14-19 Strategic Partnership Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on 13 May 2010

Present:

Ian Lane (IL)	:	Children's Services, NCC (Chair)
Melanie Bear (MB)	:	Children's Services, NCC
Alan Carrick (AC)	:	Children's Services, NCC
Ray Malecki (RM)	:	Children's Services, NCC
Michael Johnson (MJ)	:	Children's Services, NCC
Pat Wager (PW)	:	Sacred Heart High School
Gillian Bulman (GB)	:	Newcastle Education Business Partnership
Kath Roe (KR)	:	UXL Consortium
Bev Robinson (BR)	:	Newcastle College
Janet Hunter	:	NCVS
Jamie Spence (JS)	:	Children's Services, NCC
Rob Hamilton (RH)	:	Chief Executive's, NCC

In Attendance:

Kirsty Benton (KB)	:	Children's Services, NCC (Minute Taker)
Diana Eblett (DE)	:	Children's Services, NCC

Apologies

John Collings (Chair) (JC)	:	Children's Services, NCC
Jeff Lough (JL)	:	Linhope PRU
Steve Bakewell (SB)	:	Modis International – Employer Representative
Lucy Backhurst (LB)	:	Newcastle University
Liz Patrick (LP)	:	Northumbria University

Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome / Introductions Ian Lane welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies as above.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of last meeting / Matters Arising The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record with one minor correction to Gillian Bulman's job title.</p>	KB

3. Matters Arising

Apprenticeship Development

RM and the 16-19 Commissioning Team have met recently with National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) to discuss Apprenticeship development. RM will put together a draft action plan showing how we might increase Apprenticeship take up locally. Regional figures show Sunderland is performing much better on Apprenticeship starts. Contact would be made with Sunderland colleagues to identify any good practice.

RM

Consultation on the Children and Young People's Plan

Ian Lane encouraged everyone to respond to the consultation.

ALL

Preparation for the 14-19 Progress Check

GONE validated the self assessment of amber/green.

Diploma Executive

Pat Wager and Ian Lane gave an update on the recent ministerial visit.

Reports from Sub-Groups

- NEET Action/Guarantee Group

Connexions staff are planning to speak to colleagues from Sunderland City Council to establish why they performed better in the January Guarantee.

- RPA

A discussion took place around the help and advice available for schools when they have to deal with young people entering the country who do not speak English well. Newcastle College have extensive language provision so may be able to offer help in emergencies.

AC

4. Information, Advice and Guidance Changing Policy context

DE summarised points from three key national documents that have been produced on careers education and information, advice and guidance for young people:

- Quality, Choice and Aspiration – a strategy for young people's information, advice and guidance:
- Statutory Guidance: Impartial Careers Education:
- Information, Advice and Guidance Services for Young People – Directions and Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities

The DCSF are currently asking for comment on the latter of these documents. It was agreed that the Local Authority would produce a draft response which would be circulated to partners for their comments.

Action Circulate links to the documents. DE
Action Consult partners and draft a response to consultation DE / JS
Action Any comments to DE ALL

4.1 Update on Newcastle Routes

Diane Eblett gave an update on the 14-19 prospectus and common application process (CAP). All schools need to be using the CAP with their Year 11 students by 2011. The main contact for this work is Ann Graham at Connexions.

5. Development of the new 14-19 Strategy and Plan

Ray Malecki gave a brief presentation on the refresh of the 14-19 Plan. At this stage it was suggested that objectives fall under four key priority areas:

- Raising Participation
- Raising Attainment
- Raising Quality of Provision
- Raising the profile of partnership work and collaboration

A discussion took place around the future content of the Plan. The following points were made:

- It was agreed that 'raising attainment' should be changed to 'raising achievement'.
- The CYP Plan and the 14-19 Plan must relate to each other and should be referenced in both documents
- A vision statement is required

Action Early draft of the Plan to be emailed to everyone giving an indication of the timeline for development of the Plan. RM

Action Comments or recommendations for change to RM ALL

6. Commissioning Cycle for 2011/2012

Michael Johnston provided a synopsis of the final version of the National Commissioning Framework (NCF) and stated that he would be happy to meet with any partners to discuss the forthcoming commissioning cycle.

Staff from the local authority will be meeting on 20 May with the YPLA to discuss implications of the NCF.

Action Any comments or issues partners wished to have raised with the YPLA should be sent to MJ ALL

Action A request was to be made to the YPLA was for final allocations to be brought forward by one month. MJ

Action The early outcomes of the strategic analysis exercise will be brought to the next meeting. MJ

7. Tyne and Wear and Northumberland Sub-regional group update

Structure and Consultation Mechanisms

MJ and MB are representing Newcastle on the SRG.

The structure has been reviewed and current thinking is around a main strategic body, three sub-groups and the development of a stakeholder forum.

The three sub-groups would be:

- Specialist provision
- Commissioning – Mark Longstaff, North Tyneside Council is the lead
- Universal provision / targeted provision

A discussion took place regarding Partnership representation on the stakeholder forum. More information is expected to be available soon.

Action Provide information on the stakeholder group when it becomes available.

MJ

8. Draft Sub-Regional Work Related Learning Strategy

MB asked everyone to review the document and send any comments to her by 25th May 2010.

ALL

9. Economic Masterplan

RH involved the Partnership in discussion around the Newcastle Gateshead 1Plan, which is the new economic and spatial strategy for Newcastle and Gateshead. Particular attention was given to sections of the Plan that relate to skills and employment, such as the Big Moves section (3.34) and Key Steps (3.4).

The plan has been officially launched but any feedback between now and September would be welcomed, as an action plan is being developed.

Action Comments to RH

ALL

9. Newcastle Work and Skills Plan

A new Work and Skills Plan is being produced and there is an opportunity for the 14-19 Partnership to link up with and feed into Plan.

A broader discussion developed on the terms of reference for the Partnership Board, given the expectations now placed on the group to influence 14-19 provision.

Action Some work would be done on redrafting the Terms of Reference and these will be brought to the next meeting.

RM

Action Newcastle Work and Skills Plan to be discussed in more detail at a future meeting.

MB/RH

10. Reports from Sub-Groups

Reports received.

12. AOB

Janet Hunter from NCVS announced that she is retiring. The Partnership expressed their sincere thanks for all the work she has done.

Avril Gibson from Northern Learning Trust will attend the next meeting until NCVS has identified a replacement.

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting

1st July 2010, 2.00pm at the Newcastle Springfield Centre