

North East Local Authority Corporate Strategies Progress to July 09

Redcar & Cleveland

1) Youth Conference / Consultation on the strategy - We have planned this for 17th November 2009 at 9.30-3pm. It will be held at Sacred Heart school - 30 schools are expected to attend from R&C - these will upper KS2 and KS3 pupils, three pupils from each school. These will be grouped up, and each group will receive two of a possible eight workshops (based on the doorways) in which they will discuss the issues and create a poster or other to feedback to the rest of the conference. The afternoon will be a sustainable design challenge - each school will receive the same brief to design something out of a waste product and will be judged initially by their peers at the event. The top four will be entered into a 'dragons den' activity - live on the day - to find the winner. Dragons include people from local industry, authority etc. Sacred Heart are providing catering and venue for no charge,

2) Governor Training - we did the pilot session at the Governors Association meeting on 22nd June - based on the DCSF governor training toolkit online. This will be offered to all governors on three dates - 19th Jan, 28th Jan and 18th May (at different times of day and different locations in the Borough) and a paper will be issued to all governing bodies from RCBC Governor Services to inform them of the pathfinder stuff and to encourage them to attend the training

3) Future activities - next meeting is 15th September at Margrove Park - we will summarise the activities over the last year and plan the final parts of the work including strategy writing and future support for schools.

Durham

Progress to date:

- **Mapping DCC departmental influence/interest** continues. Responses to circulated pro-forma being collated. Outstanding replies being chased.
- **DCC Lead Officers** now identified, and steering group meets 23/09/09. Strategy sub-group meets 14/07/09.
- **Pilot partner schools** 7 now identified, each have had two face-to face meetings and produced S3 plus support needs. 1 school (special) has completed S3, and is yet to be approached to ascertain support needs. School responses being collated.
- **News Stories/web entries.** Info has appeared on EWE Centre website, also DCC Extranet. 2 magazine entries (School Governors, Primary School parents) planned for Sept./Oct..Questions posed to schools through OASES Extranet survey questionnaire.
- **Case studies.** Case study themes have been identified.
- **SS Network.** Investigation planned for October 09.
- **Schools and S3.** Target is 15 schools. To date 8 have completed full S3, 32 have considered Part 1 only. Further encouragement to schools planned in autumn term.

Newcastle

We are currently due to do a full review of progress on the Newcastle City GONE project on 23rd of July at the Springfield Centre when a detailed update will be circulated. In short satisfactory progress continues to be made on most work streams (WS) as follows:-

- WS 1 & 1a - These areas relate to delivery approach (captured through case study) and Activity mapping which is ongoing and will map & rate the impact of current environmental NCC and partner activities to the doorways to highlight dependencies and gaps impact. This is currently being challenged by officers and partners with the final map will act as an improvement methodology and tool for services and partners to re-engineer their provision as appropriate.
- WS 2 Corporate Sustainable Schools Strategy Document - This is the only area which is behind. As expected the NCC transformation programme has affected the positions of responsible officers who are involved in developing this workstream. The transformation phase one is near conclusion (500 staff leaving the Authority inc. 270 managers) this WS will be progressed as a matter of priority asap.
- WS 3 (Activity Delivery), 3a, 3b, 3c - 3a looks at the S3 tool builds on the work done by Kingston Park Primary to map the doorways to the curriculum to share experience with Stocksfield Avenue in applying the S3 tool to identify any issues and bring forward a combined approach. Development work continues with both schools. 3b Transition schools progressing well – to map/evidence how “sustainable education” continues throughout school life potentially using Newcastle University Ambassador/6th form to lead. This workstream is aiming to test the programme’s effectiveness in transferring learning throughout school life whilst providing a development opportunity for all students involved. 3c Healthy Schools: This workstream has taken the programme to two special schools who are sharing best practice/experience on sustainable development. This work stream has identified the activities (focus on school grounds development) that offer most value to special schools and issues with current delivery as well as assess the value and inclusion impact. Development is progressing well with both schools.
- WS 4 & 4a Communications and Web Site development. Outline development work is ongoing on this workstream and progress to be discussed at our meeting on the 23rd July. The Enviro Schools 'Climate Change' Event on the 25th June was a success and was used as a platform for consultation with schools from both within and outside the City on various environmental issues including their awareness of Sustainable School National Framework. The results of this will be passed on in our next report.