

Newmarket Vision: Education Delivery group

27th January, 9-11am, Watterson Room, Newmarket College, Exning Road

Meeting Notes

Present: Lisa Chambers (Suffolk County Council) Howard Lay (Samuel Ward Academy), Robin Millar (Forest Heath District Council), David Hudson (Newmarket Town Council), Nikos Savvas (West Suffolk College), Nick Froy (Newmarket College), Rob Wylie (Racing Welfare), Rachel Wood (Parent/Governor) Paul reed (Chair of Governors) Officer Support: Clair Harvey, Sara Blake, Judith Mobbs, Helen Neal, Neil Anthony

Background

Approximately 18 months ago Suffolk County Council, Forest Heath District Council & Newmarket Town Council commissioned the Princes Foundation to create a 'sustainable and holistic vision for Newmarket in collaboration with residents and other key stakeholders'. The resulting report identified a number of vision statements which all three tiers of local government signed up to. The overall Newmarket Vision is led by a steering group chaired by Cllr Lisa Chambers. Underneath that sits a number of thematic delivery groups-this is the first meeting of the Education Delivery Group-chaired by Howard Lay.

A lot has changed since the action plan for this delivery group was written and we therefore need to reassess the focus for this group going much further, being more ambitious and achieving a lot more than those actions alone. This group will be accountable for the delivery to the Newmarket Vision steering group from whom it will get direction, pace and leadership.

Raising the Bar

In 2013 Suffolk County Council commissioned the RSA to undertake an inquiry into Suffolk's education to better understand why we were not performing as well as we could, or should do. Whilst there have been a number of initiatives such as schools organisational review which have already and will impact further on performance, we need to go much further. Some of that work is quite strategic and will be developed across Suffolk whilst other solutions are more local. We need to harness the expertise, ideas and aspirations of local people.

Discussed

- Concentrate on a few issues that we can help to resolve locally
- Future proof for the education/skills we will need in 15-20 years time-not just those we have now
- Raising the bar is part of the journey but not the end of it. The community needs to own this and we will need to understand what success looks like

- Harness the goodwill in Newmarket particularly around the college and the 'hope' that it will improve. We need to evidence this to bring the community with us on this journey
- Learn from WSC approach around life-long learning 0-99yrs
- Early years are key-role of parents important
- Learn from FHDC Families & communities approach (Communities around the school/Families around the child)

Agreed:

1. Use relevant Raising the Bar recommendations as a basis to deliver against the Newmarket Vision-no point creating more groups/work
2. Plan to hold a 1 day workshop in the future involving young people, businesses, schools and other stakeholders
3. Need to involve early years representatives (Clair Harvey to action)and young people in this group (Nick Froy to action)
4. This group to take ownership of specific actions in the action plan attached and feedback progress at monthly meetings. Communication will be via email with each other as relevant.
5. LC to feed back to the Newmarket Vision steering group to make them aware of broader focus & action plan

Future Meeting Dates (Newmarket College):

9am Monday 3rd March

9am Monday 7th April

9am Monday 12th May

9am Monday 9th June

9am Monday 14th July