

## SUMMARY

Parents, students and members of the public made a number of comments regarding the Rutland County Council Post 16 consultation document:

- There are a large number of parents with primary aged children in the county who have not received any information regarding the consultation.
- The consultation paper is difficult to understand because of the considerable use of technical language.
- There are no alternative options presented; there was a strong desire for a full debate on the range of options that could be considered by the council.
- There is much confusion about the facts presented and many unanswered questions: How much money is available? What curriculum will the new build be able to deliver? Where will the new build be sited? In 2013 what balance of courses will be at CBEC? How will CBEC fit in any additional students? How financially viable is this option? Is there a business plan? How will transport be funded for the long term? Why was UCC and CC excluded from the process in July/August? Why was CBEC chosen to be the deliverer of post-16 education?
- The marketing material being used reads as though the decision has already been made; is this a genuine consultation or lip service?
- The broad consensus is for an Oakham based, single campus, with predominant A level (with appropriate vocational provision) and governance from all three 11-16 colleges. A successful college will attract many of the current 75% of students who leave Rutland, other students outside the county and those students from the private sector, making it financially viable.
- How is CBEC able to fund the transition costs out of its budget when the other two community colleges are unable to do so?

## NEXT STEPS

- There was a consensus (although no vote was taken) that there is a need to stop the present consultation in order to allow more time to explore the financial viability of post-16 provision, to draw up a business plan and explore arrangements that would fully involve all three 11-16 colleges.
- There will be a weekly meeting rotating between Uppingham and Catmose in order to co-ordinate the campaign. The next meeting is at 7:00 pm on Monday 25 January in the theatre at Catmose College. There will be one campaign which encompasses Uppingham and Oakham in order to ensure a coordinated response.
- Interested parties should sign up to the email list which will distribute relevant information as it becomes available ([rutland.education@googlemail.com](mailto:rutland.education@googlemail.com))
- As many people as possible should write to Alan Duncan ([duncana@parliament.uk](mailto:duncana@parliament.uk))
- Contact your local councillor (<http://www.rutland.gov.uk/pp/gold/viewgold.asp?id=1049>)
- Write to the Rutland Times (<http://www.rutland-times.co.uk/contactus.aspx>)
- Attend the public meeting in Oakham at the museum on Wednesday 27 January.
- Continue to ask questions about any aspect of the proposal about which you are not clear.