



# Castle View School

*A Specialist Business and Enterprise College*



## **Our Place 2020**

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# In the Beginning..

Our Place 2020 launch

Our local community

Our school community

As we have a key role in decision making in school, we decided to focus our project on

**governance.**

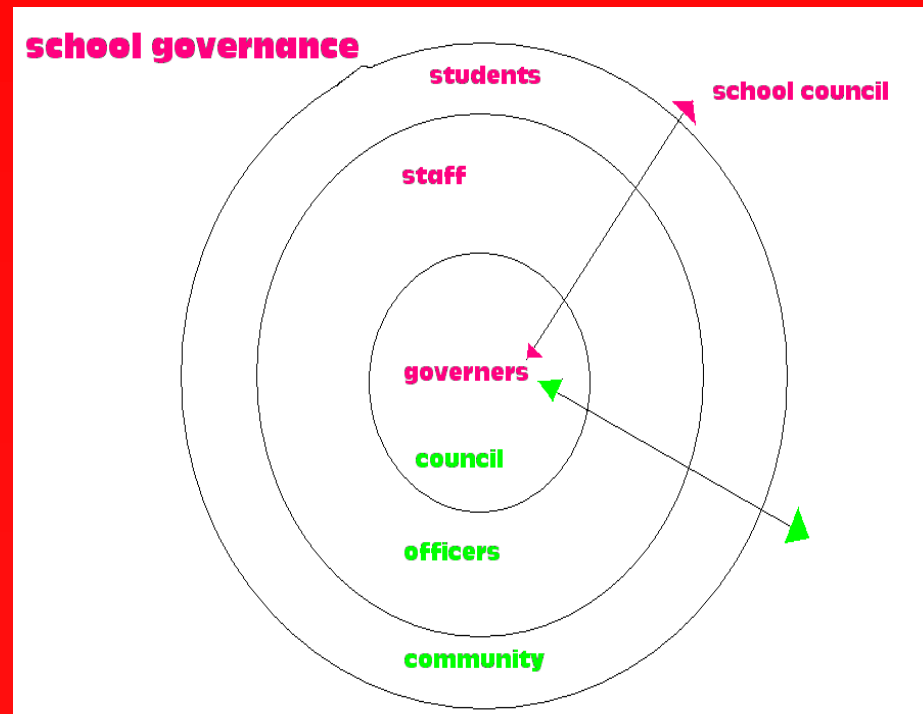


# Models of Governance

Governance is about how things are organized and run, who is involved, how decisions are made and who makes them. It is about balancing leadership with involving people.

School  
Governance

Local  
Governance



# Castletown Regeneration

- Sunderland city council has been working since 2003 to develop a long term regeneration strategy for the Castletown area which will tackle existing and emerging social, housing, economic and environmental issues.
- Consultants identified what was wrong in the area, and then looked at what they could do to change things for the better for the community.
- We wanted to see how local people were involved in developing the plans, and if the plans included continued involvement for local people.

# Community Involvement in Regeneration



Talking to local residents at the Council's community consultation event in May.

# Community Involvement in Regeneration

We met with Councillor Wilson and asked him questions about his role within the council.



We also questioned people about their jobs related to governance and regeneration.

# Consultation in Castletown

## Councillor Wilson told us that...

- Residents can contact him by telephone, email or calling at his house
- People have a say in what is happening through the local Neighbourhood Action Group
- The Council keeps in touch with the community through meetings and newsletters.

## Residents told us that...

- Most of them know who to contact if they have a problem with what is happening in the community
- Most of them had heard of the Neighbourhood Action Group, but only a very small number were involved
- Half of them felt informed about what is happening.

# What Works Well

We wanted to find out how other councils had involved residents in planning their communities.



We used the internet to research what had worked well in other communities.

We also had a presentation from our business mentor about what has happened in other places.



# The Way Ahead

Our findings suggest that....

- Councillors should act as community champions
- The Council should involve everyone that wants to be involved
- Residents should work with the Council on issues that affect everyone
- The Council should look at other ways to keep people informed and involved, such as:
  - Encouraging more people to be involved in the Neighbourhood Action Group and tell people about success
  - Giving people a choice of different ways of being involved
  - Help people to get the skills they need to be involved
  - Having meetings at different times and in different places
  - Taking residents away to see how things work in other places
  - Letting residents decide how to spend some of the Council's money on local priorities
  - Asking the people how they could communicate better !



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**Thank you for listening to our presentation !**