

Time commenced – 6.01pm
Time finished – 6.46pm

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 13 October 2015

Present:

Group A – Christianity and Other World Faiths

Raj Bali	Hindhu Faith
Phil Royle	Methodist Church
Lucy Care	Religious Society of Friends
Rev Roy Ninkovic	Serbian Orthodox Church
Eve Sacker	Jewish Faith

Group B – Church of England

Alison Brown
Katie Lake

Group C – Teachers' Associations

Kieran Picken	NUT
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Group D – Local Education Authority

Councillor Harwood
Councillor MacDonald
Councillor Wood

Co-opted Members

Peter Harvey	British Humanist Society
Kate McRae	The Open Centre

In Attendnace:

Steve Ford	Lead officer to the SACRE
Chris Tilley	Senior School Improvement Officer
Steven Mason	Clerk to the SACRE
Sam Mitchell	The Open Centre

01/15 Appointment of Chair

Resolved to agree that Councillor Turner be appointed as Chair of the SACRE for the 2015/16 municipal year.

02/15 Appointment of Vice Chair

Resolved:

1. to agree that Eve Sacker be appointed as Chair of Group A for the 2015/16 municipal year;
2. to agree that Alison Brown be appointed as Chair of Group B for the 2015/16 municipal year;
3. to agree that Kieran Picken be appointed as Chair of Group C for the 2015/16 municipal year; and
4. to agree that Alison Brown be appointed as Vice-Chair of the SACRE for the 2015/16 municipal year.

03/15 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Rev Philip Webb, Mair Bradley, Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon, Ranjit Singh Seehra, Viv Lawrence, Wendy Hardy and Maryam Djauid.

04/15 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

05/15 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

06/15 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 23 April 2015 and Matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2015 were noted.

07/15 Minutes of the Agreed Syllabus Conference Held on 23 April 2015

The minutes of the Agreed Syllabus Conference were noted.

08/15 SACRE Membership, Resignations and Vacancies

The Clerk to the SACRE updated Members on the SACRE's membership and vacancies. The Clerk called on all Members to assist in filling the vacancies. It was agreed that the Clerk would email a list of current vacancies to all Members.

Members noted that Quazi Abdul Mateen had now been formally nominated as an Islamic Faith representative in Group A.

The Lead Officer to the SACRE reported that Laura Connelly had left The Open

Centre and introduced Sam Mitchell, the new manager of The Open Centre, to be Co-opted in her place. Members agreed that Sam Mitchell be Co-opted to the SACRE. Members wished their appreciation of Laura Connelly's work with the SACRE to be noted.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the update;**
- 2. to agree that the Clerk to the SACRE should email a list of current vacancies to all Members of the SACRE;**
- 3. to Co-opt Sam Mitchell to the SACRE;**
- 4. to agree that Members appreciation of Laura Connelly's work with the SACRE be noted.**

09/15 Local Updates and Visits

The Lead Officer to the SACRE updated Members on the Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education (RE).

Members discussed the recent Agreed Syllabus training that had taken place.

Members expressed their concerns that RE was not included in the English Baccalaureate. It was agreed that the Lead Officer would draft a letter to the Department for Education, expressing the SACRE's concerns.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the update; and**
- 2. to agree that the Lead Officer to the SACRE should draft a letter to the Department for Education, expressing the SACRE's concerns that Religious Education was not included in the English Baccalaureate.**

10/15 National Updates

The Lead Officer to the SACRE updated Members on Ofsted inspections and the requirement of schools to promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of their pupils. Members also considered how this related to the Prevent strategy.

Resolved to note the update.

11/15 Learning to Live Together Conference and Guidance on Values and Equalities

The Lead Officer to the SACRE updated Members on the Learning to Live Together Conference. It was reported that the conference had taken place in June 2015 and had been well attended.

Members discussed whether the conference papers should be distributed to schools.

It was agreed that the documents be circulated to schools.

Members discussed the Prevent strategy in relation to ensuring that young people were protected and safe. Members agreed that Derby City Council's Prevent Lead should be invited to a future meeting of the SACRE to speak on Religious Education's contribution to the Prevent strategy.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the update;**
- 2. to agree that the conference papers be circulated to schools; and**
- 3. to invite Derby City Council's Prevent Lead to a future meeting of the SACRE to speak on Religious Education's contribution to the Prevent strategy.**

12/15 School Visits

The Senior School Improvement Officer noted that the SACRE had previously undertaken a number of school visits and asked Members whether they would like to re-state their interest in visiting schools. Members agreed that it would be good to revive school visits. It was agreed that the Senior School Improvement Officer should explore the possibility.

It was also suggested that Derby City schools could be invited to attend future meetings of the SACRE, to give presentations on Religious Education school projects.

Resolved to agree that the Senior School Improvement Officer explores the possibility of SACRE school visits being commenced again.

13/15 Relationship with NASACRE

The Lead Officer to the SACRE spoke to Members on the SACRE's relationship with NASACRE. Members agreed that the Chair of NASACRE should be invited to speak to the SACRE on the national picture and the impact that local SACREs had. It was agreed that The Lead Officer to the SACRE should pursue the possibility of a joint event with Derbyshire SACRE.

Resolved to agree that the Lead Officer to the SACRE should explore the possibility of the Chair of NASACRE being invited to give a talk at a joint event with Derby SACRE and Derbyshire SACRE.

14/15 Any Other Business

The Lead Officer to the SACRE reported on the research findings outlined in the following paper:

A decade of Continuity and Change in Religion and Belief, Discrimination and Equality.

It was agreed that one of the authors be invited to a future meeting of the SACRE to speak on this.

Resolved to agree that one of the author's of the A decade of Continuity and Change in Religion and Belief, Discrimination and Equality research paper be invited to attend a future meeting of the SACRE to give a talk on the research findings.

MINUTES END