

ITEM 4

Time commenced – 6.00pm

Time finished – 7.34pm

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 26 June 2018

Present:

Group A – Christianity and Other World Faiths

Ann Jackman	Buddhist Faith
Eve Sacker	Jewish Faith (appointed as Chair)
Rev Philip Webb	Baptist Church
Phil Royle	Methodist Church
Lucy Care	Religious Society of Friends
Rev Roy Ninkovic	Serbian Orthodox Church
Mair Bradley	United Reformed Church
Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon	Sikh Faith
Errol Vassell	Pentecostal Church

Group B – Church of England

Viv Lawrence
Alison Brown

Group C – Teachers' Associations

Wendy Hardy	ATL
Sally Siner	NUT

Group D – Local Education Authority

Councillor Graves
Councillor Hezelgrave
Councillor Skelton
Councillor Wood

Co-opted Members

Sam Mitchell	The Open Centre
Peter Harvey	Humanist UK

In Attendance:

Steve Ford	Lead officer to SACRE
Jax Dominiczak	Derby City Council - Democratic Services
Andy Thomas	Derby City Council - Engagement Officer
Chris Tilley	Derby City Council - Senior School Improvement Officer

01/18 Appointment of Chair

SACRE noted the appointment of Councillor Skelton, Chair of Group D and the Chair of SACRE.

02/18 Appointment of Vice-Chair

SACRE noted the appointment of Eve Sacker as Chair of Group A, Viv Lawrence as Chair of Group B and Wendy Hardy as Chair of Group C. It was noted that Wendy Hardy had been appointed as Vice-Chair of SACRE.

03/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon, Errol Vassell, Raj Bali and Rev Anita Matthews.

04/18 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

05/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

06/18 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 19 March 2018 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2018 were agreed as an accurate record.

07/18 SACRE Membership, Resignations and Vacancies

There were no resignations to report and the Democratic Services Officer asked Members for recommendations for any potential nominations to fill the current vacancies.

08/18 Derby Prevent Plan Update

The Head of Service, Partnerships and Communities presented a verbal report which updated SACRE on the Derby Prevent Plan.

The SACRE heard that the Derby Prevent Plan was a part of a national strategy which contained four key elements:

- Pursue
- Prepare
- Protect

- Prevent

Regionally there were three further key elements:

- Responding to extremism
- Prevent vulnerable people being drawn in
- Working with organisations.

Members were also informed that there were two new posts within the Community Safety Team; a Support Officer and a Prevent Education Officer to which officers had been appointed to.

SACRE Members discussed the role of Religious Education in the Prevent agenda, they were assured by the Head of Service, Partnerships and Communities this was part of the remit to be addressed by the Prevent Education Officer.

Resolved to:

- a) note the report**
- b) receive a further update from the Prevent Education Officer at the next SACRE meeting.**

09/18 Revision of the Agreed Syllabus

The Lead Officer for SACRE led the discussion on the Revision of the Agreed Syllabus. SACRE Members were informed that they have a statutory responsibility to revise the Religious Education syllabus the one which was currently being used was RE Today by Lat Blaylock.

Members discussed the matter at length, the issues surrounding revision of the Religious Education Syllabus and the various options available.

The SACRE Lead Officer informed Members Lat Blaylock had suggested a joint SACRE meeting with nominated members from each SACRE attending

Resolved to:

- 1) nominate one member of each group from Derby City SACRE to meet with members of other SACRES in the Autumn term; the members nominated to attend this meeting were Sally Siner, Eve Sacker, Peter Harvey and Alison Brown**
- 2) note the discussion**
- 3) receive further updates at future SACRE meetings.**

10/18 Update – The Open Centre

Sam Mitchell The Open Centre Manager gave the Members a verbal update of the work The Open Centre had undertaken. The update included the following information:

School linking Programme – The Open Centre and Global Education Derby

The Schools Linking Programme in Derby aims to bring communities together by linking schools from across the City. Two classes from two demographically diverse primary schools were brought together creating year-long curriculum rich class links for pupils in Key Stage 2. School Linking had been endorsed by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and the Department for Education (DfE).

The Linking Year

The SACRE Members heard that the children will meet three times in the year, usually the first of these meetings was at a neutral venue followed by visits to each school in the spring / summer term. They exchange work throughout the year and through this structured programme explore four key questions:

- Who am I? – exploring identity
- Who are we? – celebrating diversity
- Where do we live? – promoting community
- How do we all live together? – championing equality

We have had 14 classes from 9 schools on the programme including faith schools (437 children)

Issues

Parental refusal/school cancellations – more of a Derbyshire issue

The Open Centre was currently trying to tackle this issue with pre-visits, talks with parents, advice sheets for teachers/headteachers along with email and telephone conversations.

This was through some additional funding from the Home Office/Global Education (Building stronger Britain Together – BSBT Fund)

Resolved to note the verbal report.

11/18 Update – The Christianity Project

SACRE members received a verbal report from Alison Brown the SACRE Church of England representative which updated them on the – Understanding Christianity Project. Alison Brown reported that An Evaluation of Understanding Christianity Questionnaire had been circulated to schools but it was mainly Church schools which had responded. On the reverse side of the sheet which was circulated at the meeting were samples of the feedback the evaluation had generated.

Resolved to note the verbal report.

12/18 Closer Co-operation or Amalgamation of Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council SACRES

Steve Ford, Lead Officer SACRE lead discussion on Closer Co-operation or Amalgamation of Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council SACRES.

Resolved to work towards closer working co-operation between Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council SACRES.

13/18 Local Updates and Visits

A Church of England representative Viv Lawrence sought clarification from fellow SACRE Members on visits to Derby city schools by Members representing SACRE.

Resolved to trigger invitations from schools by putting a bulletin in the weekly Schools Circular.

14/18 National Updates

The SACRE representative of the Jewish Faith, Eve Sacker reported that Derby SACRE was represented by themselves at the meeting of the Board of Deputy Jews and that it had been highlighted there weren't any GCSE text books and the Board of Deputies had produced their own to reflect the diversity of Jewish faith.

Resolved to note the update.

15/18 Any Other Business

The SACRE representative of the Jewish Faith, Eve Sacker reported that there was an interactive Jewish Experience exhibit available to hire. If anyone were interested they should email Eve directly.

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