

Time commenced – 6.03pm
Time finished – 7.08pm

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
15 March 2016**

Present:

Group A – Christianity and Other World Faiths

Rev Philip Webb	Baptist Church
Raj Bali	Hindhu Faith
Lucy Care	Religious Society of Friends
Rev Roy Ninkovic	Serbian Orthodox Church
Mair Bradley	United Reformed Church
Eve Sacker	Jewish Faith
Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon	Sikh Faith

Group B – Church of England

Viv Lawrence
Alison Brown
Katie Lake

Group C – Teachers' Associations

Kieran Picken	NUT
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Group D – Local Education Authority

Councillor MacDonald

Co-opted Members

Sam Mitchell	The Open Centre
Peter Harvey	British Humanist Society
Kate McRae	The Open Centre
Maryam Djauid	Bahai Faith

In Attendance:

Steve Ford	Lead officer to the SACRE
Chris Tilley	Senior School Improvement Officer
Steven Mason	Clerk to the SACRE

15/15 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Ann Jackman, Phil Royle, Rosemary Wibberley, Wendy Hardy and Councillors Graves, Harwood and Wood.

16/15 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

17/15 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

18/15 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 13 October 2015 and Matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2015 were agreed as a correct record, subject to the following amendment.

At 02/15, the SACRE noted the appointments of the Chairs to Groups A, B and C, as agreed by each group, rather than agreeing the appointment of those Chairs.

Matters arising:

09/15 – the Lead Officer to the SACRE provided an update on the letter to be sent to the Department for Education. A draft letter was circulated to the Committee. Members agreed that the letter be sent with suggested amendments.

11/15 – the Lead Officer to the SACRE reported that the Actor Shop had been recruited for the Derbyshire SACRE Development Day. The Senior School Improvement Officer reported that in relation to the Prevent Strategy, Derby City Council's Prevent Lead was keen to come and speak to the SACRE on Religious Education's contribution to the Prevent Strategy.

12/15 – the Senior School Improvement Officer provided an update on school visits. SACRE noted that schools were available for visits. It was also reported that schools could be invited to come and speak to the SACRE on Religious Education projects they were involved in.

13/15 – the Lead Officer to the SACRE reported that the Chair of NASACRE was willing to come and talk to the SACRE, when he had clarity on the future role of SACRE's.

14/15 – the resolution to agree that one of the authors 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 – on hold.

19/15 SACRE Membership, Resignations and Vacancies

The Clerk to the SACRE reported that Rosemary Wibberley was to resign as one of the Church of England representatives on Group B. The SACRE wished its thanks to be noted, for all her work on the SACRE.

The SACRE noted that Ann Jackman had been appointed as the Buddhist Faith representative on Group A.

It was reported that a report on Term of Membership would be brought to the next meeting of the SACRE. Members noted that their four year term of office would begin from the date of that meeting.

Resolved:

- 1. to agree that the SACRE's thanks to Rosemary Wibberley for all her work on the SACRE, be noted;**
- 2. to note that Ann Jackman had been appointed as the Buddhist Faith representative on Group B; and**
- 3. to note that a report on Term of Office would be brought to the next meeting of the SACRE.**

20/15 SACRE Constitution

The Clerk to the SACRE proposed the removal of paragraphs 14, 44 and 45 from the SACRE Constitution. Members agreed that the paragraphs be removed and that a draft SACRE Constitution be brought to the next meeting of the SACRE for further consideration.

Resolved to agree that a draft amended SACRE Constitution be brought to the next meeting of the SACRE for further consideration.

21/15 Local Updates and Visits

The Lead Officer to the SACRE reported that Lat Blaylock, RE Consultant with RE Today, had agreed to run courses in relation to the Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education.

Resolved to note the update.

22/15 National Updates

The Lead Officer to the SACRE circulated the following papers to the Committee:

- 1. A New Settlement: Religion and Belief in Schools**
- 2. RE for Real**

Members noted that the documents would be considered at the next meeting of the SACRE.

Alison Brown reported that the Church of England had employed Lat Blaylock to write resource materials for the Church of England in response to a review of Religious Education in Church of England Schools which concluded that although good and outstanding RE was found in the majority of CofE secondary schools, at primary level there were similar challenges to those found in community schools.

The Lead Officer to the SACRE informed Members that a paper was due to be published on the role of Religious Education in academies and free schools.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the updates; and**
- 2. to note that the following documents would be considered at the next SACRE meeting:**
 - **A New Settlement: Religion and Belief in Schools**
 - **RE for Real**

23/15 Any Other Business

Kieran Picken spoke to the Committee about the Stand up to Racism campaign and Derby group and asked Members if their nominating bodies would consider being affiliated. The SACRE discussed racism.

The Senior School Improvement Officer provided an update on Ofsted's position on the wearing of Islamic veils. It was reported that inspectors in England had been told that they could downgrade schools for allowing face veils if it was a barrier to learning.

Resolved to note the updates.

MINUTES END