

# ITEM 4

Time commenced – 6.02pm

Time finished – 7.46pm

## **STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 9 October 2018**

Present:

### **Group A – Christianity and Other World Faiths**

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 (appointed as Chair)
Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon	Sikh Faith

### **Group B – Church of England**

Viv Lawrence  
Alison Brown  
Katie Lake

### **Group C – Teachers' Associations**

Wendy Hardy	NUT
Sally Siner	ATL

### **Group D – Local Education Authority**

Councillor Hezelgrave  
Councillor Skelton

### **Co-opted Members**

Sam Mitchell	The Open Centre
Ruth Richardson	The Multi-Faith Centre
Peter Harvey	Humanist UK

In Attendance:

Steve Ford	Lead officer to SACRE
Naomi Feldman	DSCB Policy and Development Officer (Training)
Cheryl Julian	Headteacher – Crich Junior School
Steven Mason	Derby City Council - Democratic Services
Pam Thompson	Engagement Officer – Diverse Communities

## 16/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Graves and Wood and Melvin Harris, Ann Jackman, Anita Matthews, Phil Royle and Philip Webb.

## 17/18 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

## 18/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 19/18 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 26 June 2018 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 2018 were agreed as a correct record, subject to the following amendment.

That at 15/18 it was agreed that Eve Sacker would circulate information on the Jewish Living Experience exhibition to Members and provide an update at the following meeting.

## 20/18 Amendments to the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education Constitution

Members received a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on Amendments to the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education Constitution. The report was present by the Democratic Services Officer.

It was reported that an amendment was required to paragraph 7 of the constitution to reflect the change in the number of representatives in Group C.

Members noted that the National Union of Teachers and the Association of Teachers and Lecturers were merging in the near future to become the National Education Union (NEU) therefore two representatives would be needed from the NEU to keep the representations correct.

Members agreed that at paragraph 7, Secondary Heads Association should be updated to Association of School and College Leaders.

Members noted that the constitution stated that there should be 5 representatives in Group D (representatives of Derby City Council) but that only 4 had been appointed at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2018. Democratic Services Officer to investigate.

**Resolved to agree the draft Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education constitution, subject to the amendment as outline at the meeting.**

## 21/18 School of Sanctuary Presentation by the Head of Crich Junior School

Cheryl Julian – Head of Crich Junior School gave a presentation on the work of the school as a School of Sanctuary.

It was reported that a School of Sanctuary was a school that was committed to being a safe and welcoming place for all, particularly asylum seekers and refugees. It was also reported that a School of Sanctuary was a school that helped its students, staff and wider community understand what it meant to be seeking sanctuary and to extend a welcome to everyone as equal, valued members of the school community. Members noted that being a place of inclusion was central to being a school of sanctuary.

It was reported that the City of Sanctuary had originally invited Crich Junior School to become a School of Sanctuary.

Members noted that a curriculum had been developed that worked for the school and that it changed each year. Cheryl stated that studying different faiths was central to this.

Members were informed about a range of activities that the school was involved in, such as:

- Family breakfasts
- Food banks for a refugee centre
- Activity days
- Collection boxes
- Birthday parties for teachers and TAs
- Annual camping event at Matlock Rugby Club
- Football with asylum seekers
- Growing and cooking project.

SACRE wish it to be noted that it commended the work of the school.

Members were informed that they could contact Cheryl for further information at Crich Junior School on 01773 852384.

**Resolved:**

1. **to note the presentation.;** and
2. **to agree that Crich Junior School be commended for its work as a School of Sanctuary**

## 22/18 Derby Safeguarding Children Board - Update

Naomi Feldman, DSCB Policy and Development Officer (Training), reported that the Arboretum Park Café had opened to support children, young people and families. It was also reported that holding meetings at the cafe was a very positive experience and that the resource was a relaxed and comfortable space to hold meetings and events. Members noted that there was crowd funding taking place to secure the future of the café. Members also noted that ESOL classes were held in the café every Monday - Thursday.

It was reported that a date had been set for safeguarding training at the Gurdwara Guru Arjan for 17 December 11.00am - 1.00pm and that Sam Mitchell and Naomi Feldman would deliver this course. It was also reported that Sam would also be looking for a date from Singh Saba Gurdwara to deliver safeguarding training.

Members noted that in 2018, over 70 teachers and volunteers from mosques and madrassahs had attended safeguarding training organised by DSCB and the Open Centre. Members also noted that as training organised at the Madeley Centre had been poorly attended, other venues would be considered for a while.

Members received an update on teaching classes for children at the Jamia Mosque and the positive impact that reducing class sizes and shortening the length of the sessions had had.

It was reported that there would be some child protection training at the Polish Catholic Church in the near future as this was another venue where children receive regular teaching.

Members noted the following contact details for Naomi:

The Gatehouse, 184 Kedleston road, Derby, D22 1GT  
Telephone: 01332 642341  
[naomi.feldman@derby.gov.uk](mailto:naomi.feldman@derby.gov.uk) or [naomi.feldman@derby.gov.uk.gcsx.net](mailto:naomi.feldman@derby.gov.uk.gcsx.net) for confidential information.

**Resolved to note the update.**

## 23/18 Religious/Cultural Educational Training for Schools

Sam Mitchell and Ruth Richardson provided an update on a planned Religion/Cultural Education Training session. Members noted that unfortunately, the conference had been cancelled due to a lack of bookings. The Lead Officer to the SACRE suggested that any future conferences could be promoted alongside the planned training for the Agreed Syllabus, as teachers were also the target audience. This started a wider discussion about how the training could provide an opportunity to promote other things and broaden the interest of teachers in relation to RE and world views. This led to a discussion around the purpose of SACRE and ways to raise its profile.

**Resolved to note the update.**

A number of Members from Group A left the room. Following advice from the Democratic Services Officer, the meeting was deemed not to be quorate and that any further resolutions made by the Committee, apart from 'to note the item', would need to be confirmed at the next meeting of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

## 24/18 Prevent Education Officer - Introduction

**Item deferred to a future meeting of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.**

## 25/18 Revision of the Agreed Syllabus – Update on Progress

The Lead Officer to the SACRE provided an update on the review of the Agreed Syllabus. Members noted that the planned training courses should recoup the cost of the review.

**Resolved to note the update.**

## 26/18 Local Updates and Visits

Eve Sacker provided an update on the Jewish Living Experience exhibition. Members displayed interest in the exhibition and noted that Eve would enquire with the Board of Deputies as to the cost.

The Lead Officer to the SACRE reported that there would be an opportunity to use the exhibition as part of the forthcoming Derby and Derbyshire SACRE development day. Members noted that it could be linked to the activities around the Holocaust Centre.

Peter Harvey reported that he was due to attend the Humanist UK Conference in November, as a SACRE representative.

Ruth Richardson reported on the following forthcoming Multi-Faith Centre events:

- 6pm Wednesday 10 October – Encounters series at MFC (pilgrimage), Hindu speaker
- 1pm Saturday 13 October – Hate Crime Awareness Week Launch at Arboretum Café
- 6pm Wednesday 17 October – Encounters series at MFC (pilgrimage), Christianity and Judaism speaker
- 5.45pm Saturday 3 November - Lantern/ Diwali event in Arboretum Park
- 6pm Monday 19 November – Multi-Faith Centre Annual Lecture with Terry Waite
- 5pm Tuesday 20 November – Rolls Royce Multi-Faith Network Annual Meeting

Members noted that Ruth would be attending the Interfaith Network meeting in Bradford on 16 October and would be happy to feedback.

A plea was again made for people to support through Crowdfunding, the Arboretum Park Café. It was reported that the ethos of the Café was to 'promote social inclusion and celebrate diversity'. Ruth asked Members to share this information and consider supporting this community initiative.

**Resolved to note the updates.**

## 27/18      National Updates

The Lead Officer to the SACRE reported that a Religion and World Views document would be discussed at the next meeting.

**Resolved to note the update.**

## 28/18      Any Other Business

Members discussed the strength of multi-faith networks in Derby. Ruth Richardson reported that the Multi-Faith Centre was planning to host an Annual Forum of Faiths.

**Resolved to note the update.**

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