

Time commenced – 6.02pm  
Time finished – 7.50pm

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
11 October 2016**

Present:

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

Rev Philip Webb	Baptist Church
Raj Bali	Hindhu Faith
Phil Royle	Methodist Church
Lucy Care	Religious Society of Friends
Rev Roy Ninkovic	Serbian Orthodox Church
Qazi Abdul Mateen	Islamic Faith
Ranjit Singh Sehra	Sikh Faith

**Group B – Church of England**

Alison Brown  
Katie Lake

**Group C – Teachers' Associations**

Wendy Hardy	ATL
Kieran Picken	NUT

**Group D – Local Education Authority**

Councillors Graves, Turner, Wood

**Co-opted Members**

Sam Mitchell	The Open Centre
Peter Harvey	British Humanist Society

In Attendance:

Steve Ford	Lead officer to SACRE
Chris Tilley	Senior School Improvement Officer
Steven Mason	Clerk to SACRE
Guy Freeman	Refugee Support Coordinator – British Red Cross

**24/16 Appointment of Chair**

SACRE noted the appointment of Councillor Turner as Chair of Group D and Chair of SACRE.

## 25/16 Appointment of Vice-Chair

SACRE noted the appointment of Phil Royle as Chair of Group A, Alison Brown as Chair of Group B and Kieran Picken as Chair of Group C. It was noted that Kieran Picken had been appointed as Vice-Chair of SACRE.

## 26/16 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mair Bradley, Eve Sacker, Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon, Viv Lawrence, Councillor Anderson, Dr Phil Henry and Kate McRae.

## 27/16 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

## 28/16 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

## 29/16 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 15 March 2016 and Matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2016 were noted, subject to the following amendments.

That Qazi Abdul Mateen (Group A - Islamic Faith) was present at the meeting.

That at 22/15 RE Today had been employed to write resource materials for the Church of England and not Lat Blaylock.

Matters arising:

18/15 – Prevent Strategy. It was reported that Derby City Council's Prevent Lead would attend the next meeting of SACRE and speak on Religious Education's contribution to the Prevent Strategy.

School RE Projects. SACRE noted that staff from Ridgeway Infant School would attend the next meeting to speak on RE projects.

22/15 – consideration of the following documents deferred to a future meeting of SACRE:

- A New Statement: Religion and Belief in Schools
- RE for Real

23/15 – Stand up to Racism. Kieran Picken asked Members if their nominating

bodies would consider being affiliated to the Derby group. Application form to be circulated by the Clerk to SACRE.

## 30/16 Support for Syrian Refugees

Guy Freeman, Refugee Support Coordinator – British Red Cross spoke to SACRE about refugee support from the Red Cross. It was noted that Guy was the coordinator for the Derby area.

It was reported that assistance in Derby was provided through a number of different services and delivered by a team of volunteers who worked closely with other community organisations in the area. It was also reported that the help offered included:

- casework to provide destitution and orientation support
- food / clothing / furniture referrals
- travel costs (where travel is related to an asylum claim)
- form filling (e.g. asylum support applications, mainstream benefits applications, health care forms, etc.)
- sign-posting to other support organisations
- international family tracing and family reunion
- supporting community groups
- mentoring and befriending
- education support
- wellbeing and independence
- awareness raising and advocacy

Members asked about the support provided to community groups and about how the British Red Cross was funded.

SACRE acknowledged the work of the British Red Cross and expressed its appreciation.

**Resolved to agree that SACRE's acknowledgement of the work of the British Red Cross and its appreciation, be noted.**

## 31/16 Re-instatement of SACRE Pre-agenda Meetings

The Lead Officer to SACRE expressed a desire to re-instate SACRE pre-agenda meetings. It was reported that this would involve the Chairs of each of the groups.

SACRE agreed to the re-instatement of pre-agenda meetings and that the Lead Officer to SACRE should discuss with each of the Chairs how this would be managed.

**Resolved to agree that SACRE pre-agenda meetings be re-instated and that the Lead Officer to the SACRE will discuss with the group Chairs how this will be managed.**

## 32/16 SACRE Membership, Resignations and Vacancies

The Clerk to SACRE reported that Maryam Djavid had stepped down as a Co-opted Member (Bahai Faith) of SACRE, due to work commitments abroad. The Clerk read out a message of thanks from Maryam. It was noted that she had expressed a desire to be Co-opted again on her return

It was reported that SACRE had the following vacancies:

### Group A (Christianity and Other World Faith)

Afro-Caribbean Council of Churches

Bahai Faith

Pentecostal Church

Roman Catholic Church

Salvation Army

Islamic Faith

### Group B (Church of England)

One vacancy

### Group C (Teachers' Associations)

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**Resolved to note the update.**

## 33/16 Amendments to the SACRE Constitution

The Clerk to SACRE reported that SACRE was governed by its own constitution and that it was last amended on 22 June 2010. It was also reported that a small number of amendments were required to bring the constitution up to date or provide clarity and robustness.

Members agreed the amendments to the constitution as outlined in the report.

**Resolved to agree the draft Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) constitution attached at Appendix 2 of the report.**

## 34/16 Christianity Project

SACRE received a presentation from Alison Brown on the Understanding Christianity resource.

SACRE were provided with an introduction to the Understanding Christianity resource. It was reported that eight core concepts at the heart of Christianity had been identified that pupils needed to understand and that these told the story of the Bible. It was also reported that pupils would encounter these concepts a number of times as they moved through school. It was noted that to build up their

understanding, 'knowledge building blocks' relating to each concept had been identified.

It was reported that pupils would encounter these concepts, and teachers would teach them through key questions, using a model with the following three elements:

- making sense of the text;
- making connections; and
- understanding the impact.

It was also reported that each pupil's development in these three elements would be assessed against end-of-phase outcomes.

Members noted that the Understanding Christianity Resource Pack offered support to develop teachers' confidence with the subject content and provided a wide range of classroom learning ideas and resources to enable and deepen pupils' learning.

Members agreed that the core structure for learning was the Agreed Syllabus and noted that the Understanding Christianity resource supplemented it.

**Resolved to note the presentation.**

### **35/16 Dealing with the Upsurge in Racist Abuse and Hate Crime – How Should Schools Respond?**

The Lead Officer to SACRE reported that Ofsted were very interested in how schools taught 'British values' and that schools needed to demonstrate continued commitment in dealing with racist behaviour and racist attitudes. Members noted that SACRE had a responsibility to engage with and support schools.

Qazi Abdul Mateen reported on school visits he had made to talk about the Islamic faith. Sam Mitchell spoke to SACRE about the work of the Open Centre.

It was proposed that Derby SACRE and Derbyshire SACRE work together to write guidance for schools in dealing with racist behaviour and racists attitudes. Members agreed and requested that draft guidance be circulated before the next meeting.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to agree that Derby SACRE and Derbyshire SACRE work together to write guidance for schools in dealing with racist behaviour and racists attitudes;**
- 2. to agree that draft guidance be circulated to Members of SACRE in December 2016; and**
- 3. to agree that the guidance be brought to a future meeting of the SACRE.**

### **36/16 Feedback from the Derbyshire SACRE Development Day – March 2016**

The Lead Officer provided feedback on the Derbyshire SACRE Development Day that was held in March 2016. It was reported that the event had been very successful and had been greatly supported by Actorshop.

Members who had attended the development day gave positive feedback about it.

**Resolved to note the update.**

37/16 Professional Development in RE

**Resolved to agree that the item be deferred to the next meeting of SACRE.**

38/16 Local Update and Visits

There were none.

39/16 National Updates

There were none.

40/16 Any Other Business

The Senior School Improvement Officer provided an update on Ofsted's position on the wearing of Islamic veils.

**Resolved to note the update.**

MINUTES END