

# PETERBOROUGH STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Venue: Forli Room, Town Hall

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017, 6.30 p.m.

## Minutes of meeting

### **Present**

Amanda Fitton  
Anne-Marie McElhinney  
Cllr Brian Rush  
Gurdev Singh  
Iain Simper  
Ian Forsyth (Chair)  
Mark Tomlins  
Martin McBean  
Cllr Nick Sandford  
Philip Davies  
Ryan Blackburn  
Sukaina Manji  
Jack Buley (Observer)  
Lucia Hawes (Clerk)

### **Apologies**

Adrian Peters  
Alexandra Carlton  
Janet Berkman  
Lynne Rayner  
Zulfikar Manji

### **Absent**

Rachel Beeson  
Cllr Amjad Iqbal

No.	Agenda Item	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and apologies for absence</b>	
1.1	The Chair welcomed members and introductions were made. Apologies were received from Alexandra Carlton, Janet Berkman, Lynne Rayner and Zulfikar Manji.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of the last meeting (18<sup>th</sup> October 2016)</b>	
2.1	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Matters arising from the minutes</b>	
3.1	All actions had been completed.	
<b>4</b>	<b>SACRE budget update</b>	
4.1	No budget update was given as Lynne Rayner was not present at the meeting.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Agreed Syllabus Update</b>	
5.1	<u>Minutes from the last meetings</u> The minutes of the Agreed Syllabus conference meetings were sent to members prior to the meeting.	
5.2	<u>Update on progress</u> Amanda Fitton gave an update on the progress of the new syllabus and made members aware of what is to be included in the syllabus. <b>Action: Clerk to send the assessment section to members.</b>	Clerk

	<p>Amanda expressed her thanks to Philip Davies who has particularly had a lot of involvement in creating the new syllabus. Sukaina Manji has also provided a draft progression for Islam that will be incorporated with the new syllabus.</p> <p>25 primary schools will be piloting the syllabus across the 4 Local Authorities. The Key Stage 3 part of the syllabus will be put together between September and January 2017. Amanda said that in Key Stage 4, all schools should be doing GCSE Religious Education (RE) but if not should be using a topical approach to it.</p> <p>A member asked if secondary schools are struggling to recruit RE teachers. Amanda said that there are no problems with recruitment as far as she is aware and there are no RE teacher vacancies at present. <b>Action: Amanda Fitton to look at RE teacher recruitment/vacancies in Peterborough.</b> A member suggested that if there is a surplus of RE teachers then maybe they could help primary teachers deliver RE.</p> <p>Amanda reported that Northampton Local Authority is putting together the resources for the syllabus which are internet based.</p> <p>The syllabus launch will be a CPD conference on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018 which will include training for teachers. Iain Simper offered help with organising the conference.</p> <p>A member asked what material will be given to the pilot primary schools. Amanda advised that the framework and assessment would be given to those schools. <b>Action: Amanda Fitton to share the pilot material with SACRE members.</b></p> <p>A member asked how the new syllabus is different to the last and whether it addresses the shortcomings of the last syllabus. Amanda explained that the syllabus is based on religious literacy. There is still pick and choose but the big difference is pushing the enquiry approach. A member asked if this is what teachers want and will it address the planning time issues that teachers have. Amanda said that there will be exemplars created by schools who are very well established with RE. Teachers have been involved with the creation of the syllabus.</p> <p>A member asked if the material from the current syllabus will still be available for teachers to access. Amanda confirmed that the syllabus will remain on the Council website and the Peterborough Education Network.</p> <p>There will be a progress update at the next SACRE meeting. <b>Action: Amanda to send the syllabus as it is to members following the next ASC meeting in July.</b></p>	<p>AF</p> <p>AF</p> <p>AF</p>
6	<b>SACRE development</b>	
6.1	<p><u>Membership of SACRE and attendance</u></p> <p>Amanda Fitton explained that both her and the Clerk had made many attempts are sourcing new members for SACRE through contacting faith groups directly, contacting schools and the Interfaith group. It was noted that there are still some faiths that are not represented, e.g. Hindu, Quaker, Roman Catholic, Methodist. Amanda asked if SACRE members could help with sourcing new members. <b>Action: Clerk to send SACRE members a list of the vacancies.</b></p>	Clerk

6.2	<u>Discuss whether SACRE needs to strengthen interaction with faith communities and non-faith communities</u> This item was not discussed.	
6.3	<u>Development plan</u> Members to review the plan by looking at a task at each meeting. <b>Action: Clerk to add Development Plan and relevant task to be reviewed to each agenda.</b> Amanda reminded members that the allocation of budget would need to change as the budget has been reduced slightly. A member suggested linking up with the youth group with regards to having a mini SACRE.	Clerk
6.4	<u>Review of working parties in line with priorities</u> This item was not discussed.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Faith Direct event – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017</b>	
7.1	AF explained what will happen at this event for secondary schools that will take place in Huntingdon. All SACRE members welcome to attend. <b>Action: Clerk to send details to Ryan Blackburn.</b>	Clerk
7.2	SACRE will contribute to funding this event - approximately £350.	
7.3	Members noted that this Faith Direct event will fulfil the second task on the development plan.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Annual SACRE report 2015-16</b>	
8.1	The draft annual report was circulated to members prior to the meeting. <b>Action: Page 4 - Amanda to add comment about the A level results.</b> <b>Action: Amanda to show that GCSE pass rates have gone up by comparing with last year.</b> The report was agreed subject to above amendments. This was proposed by Gurdev Singh and seconded by Mark Tomlins. <b>Action: Clerk to circulate the final version to members.</b>	AF AF Clerk
<b>9</b>	<b>NASACRE briefing paper</b>	
9.1	<u>Report from NASACRE AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> May</u> Amanda Fitton had attended the NASACRE AGM and gave feedback on the day. Amanda suggested the possibility of having a faith direct event for primary schools in the future.  SACRE members were pleased with the consistency between what was brought up at the AGM and what has been discussed at the ASC.	
<b>10</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	
10.1	<u>Travel expenses for SACRE members</u> The Clerk reiterated that members are now able to claim travel expenses for attendance at meetings and conferences. An enrolment form is to be first completed before members can claim expenses each month.	
10.2	The Chair, Ian Forsyth, had submitted his resignation as he is moving out of area. SACRE thanked Ian for being a long standing member of SACRE and for all his work as Chair over the past three years.	
<b>11</b>	<b>2017/18 proposed meeting dates to be agreed:</b>	

11.1	Members agreed to change the timing of the meetings to 5.30pm. The meeting dates for the next academic year are: Tues 17th Oct 17 Weds 21st Feb 18 Weds 20th June 18  Venues to be confirmed.	
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The meeting closed at 7.26pm.

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Chair of SACRE