

PETERBOROUGH STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Venue: Forli Room, Town Hall

Tuesday 18th October 2016, 6.30 p.m.

Minutes of meeting

Present

Ian Forsyth (IF) - Chair
 Amanda Fitton (AF)
 Cllr Nick Sandford (NS)
 Janet Berkman (JB)
 Laura Corcoran (Clerk)
 Philip Davies (PD)
 Sukaina Manji (SM)
 Nick Senior (NSr)
 Iain Simper (IS)

Apologies

Gary Perkins (GP)
 Lynne Rayner (LR)
 Adrian Peters (AP)
 Cllr Amjad Iqbal
 Cllr Brian Rush (BR)
 John Flack (JF)
 Zulfikar Manji (ZM)
 Alexandra Carlton (AC)
 Gurdev Singh (GS)
 James Groombridge (JG)
 Vivienne Fleet (VF)

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	Welcome and apologies for absence	
1.1	The Chair welcomed members and apologies for absence were accepted.	
2.	Election of Chair	
2.1	Ian Forsyth was elected as Chair of SACRE. This was proposed by NS and seconded by PD.	
3.0	Election of Vice Chair	
3.1	It was agreed that the election of a vice chair would roll over to the next meeting when further members were present. SM confirmed that she was happy to remain as Vice Chair for the duration.	Clerk
4	Minutes of the last meeting (28th June 2016)	
4.1	The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by JG and seconded by AP.	
5	Matters arising from the minutes	
5.1	Paragraph two regarding the funding of school trips, the amount of visits (in numbers) needs clarifying and adding.	Clerk
10.1	Paragraph one states that SACRE need to strengthen interaction with faith communities and non-faith communities. This discussion will be revisited in order to clarify if it is still relevant.	Clerk / Chair
10.1	It was clarified that AF is trying to find a local C of E representative to sit on SACRE.	AF
11.1	Paragraph two should read "Collective worship should be repealed" and not repeated.	Clerk

6	SACRE budget update	
6.1	<p><u>Current budget status</u></p> <p>AF advised that the SACRE budget is only small and that she is currently trying to generate further income through training events. The recent network events have been very well attended and this has included teachers from other counties including Bedfordshire. It was clarified that profit is made if 10 or more delegates attend.</p> <p>In response to a question about budget cuts AF said that it is not yet known if there will be cuts to the budget and what precisely will be affected.</p>	
6.2	<p><u>2017-18 budget preparation</u></p> <p>In the absence of GP and GS it was suggested that a separate budget meeting is arranged between GP, GS, IF and AF.</p>	IF / AF
7	SACRE Development	
7.1	<p><u>Review of sub groups in line with priorities</u></p> <p>Transfer item to the next meeting.</p>	Clerk
7.2	<p><u>Transport to places of worship project – update</u></p> <p>AF advised that the cost of the coach is very high (around £500) and suggested that a discussion is held at the next meeting about how to generate further funds. The option of bidding for a grant will be considered further.</p>	Clerk
7.3	<p><u>Plan to strengthen interaction with faith communities and non-faith communities</u></p> <p>Discussion to be deferred to the next meeting when further members are present.</p>	Clerk
7.4	<p><u>Development plan</u></p> <p>AF circulated the draft Peterborough SACRE development Plan for 2016-17. AF emphasised that this is still in draft format and is based on the Cambridgeshire model. The document is a work in progress and members were invited to make changes and suggestions.</p> <p>AF said that a lot of work has gone into engaging with schools to encourage them to teach RE and move the subject forward. RE is being taught in a lot of secondary schools but not as many primary. Currently only one 10th of schools are represented at RE meetings. Members discussed how RE can be combined with other subjects for example in literacy.</p> <p>Headteachers are reminded in newsletters that RE is a statutory subject and of the significance of teaching RE in all schools, and not just church schools. JB asked if the newsletter could be circulated to all SACRE members as well as schools.</p> <p>SACRE members will put together a list of places to visit and visitor information to be sent to all Peterborough schools to put onto their websites.</p> <p>The clerk and chair will continue to monitor membership and attendance</p>	Clerk

	<p>of SACRE to ensure meetings are quorate and representative of the main faith groups in Cambridgeshire. All four committees should be represented at each meeting. JB emphasised the importance of meetings and other events being planned around key religious events and holidays so that we are not eliminating any groups.</p> <p>Members agreed to add deadlines to the Development Plan to ensure that the work is complete within a reasonable timescale. The following deadlines were therefore agreed:</p> <p>-Items for the Spring newsletter to be submitted to AF by 9th January and by 28th April for the Summer newsletter. These deadlines will be confirmed and synchronised with Cambridgeshire. AF suggested that members promote community events and achievements in order to raise awareness of the work of SACRE.</p> <p>- Contacts list to be updated by mid-December.</p>	
8	Joint Syllabus Review	
8.1	<p>AF advised the Syllabus is due for renewal and that the 3 areas (Counties) will be combined into one. There is also the possibility of Rutland joining the scheme. This is to ensure that the document is up to date and contains the best parts of each of the three syllabuses. This will also ensure effective use of AF's time across the 3 counties. The pilot will be released in September 2017 with the final version going live by September 2018. Two teachers from Northamptonshire will assist with writing the new syllabus.</p> <p>There will initially be 12 members on the conference. This will be represented by one member of each committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Church of England: PD ● non-Anglican Christian denominations, other religions and religious denominations: To be decided ● Council: NS ● Teachers: SM <p>AF to clarify which councillors will be present.</p>	
9	Support for RE in schools	
9.1	<p>There will be further meetings available for school staff and these will be held after school. Modern technology will be used to enable staff to participate from other locations; this will help meetings to be quorate. AF advised that the training will be pedagogical based and not knowledge based so that there is consistency and clarity with teaching. It was agreed that a list of key contacts will be put together and circulated to each county before Christmas. Members were asked to update their own personal information and return to the clerk with any changes.</p>	Clerk
10	Preparation for Annual SACRE Report 2015-16	
10.1	<p>It was agreed that the Annual report will be short and succinct containing only key and relevant information. The report will contain no primary school data, only data from LA secondary schools. The outcome of the questionnaire will be included in the report and will include comments from children to show how effective the learning of RE has been.</p>	
11	Correspondence	

11.1	Questionnaire to be circulated to schools by the end of the year.	AF
12	Any other business	
12.1	The clerk will check that the circulation list for SACRE members is up to date. Members were asked to let the clerk know if their contact details have changed.	Clerk
12.2	Nick Senior advised that he is moving out of area and will be leaving SACRE. This will leave a vacancy for a ? member. Clerk to update membership list.	Clerk
13	2016/17 Meeting dates: Weds 15th Feb 17 Weds 21st June 17	

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed: _____
Chair of SACRE