PETERBOROUGH STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Venue: Forli Room, Town Hall

Wednesday 20th June 2018, 5.30 p.m.

Minutes of meeting

**Present**
Amanda Fitton  
Father Toby Sherring  
Iain Simper  
Gurdev Singh  
Cllr Lynne Ayres  
Cllr Aasiyah Joseph  
Cllr Nick Sandford  
Sukaina Manji  
Martin McBean  
Lynne Rayner  
Jack Buley  
Mark Tomlins  
Lucia Hawes (Clerk)  
Paul Harris - Prevent Sergeant Cambridgeshire & Hertfordshire

**Apologies**
Janet Berkman  
Philip Davies  
Kelsang Rak-ma  
Ryan Blackburn  
Zulfiqer Manji  
Alexandra Carton  
Zulfiqer Manji

**Absent**
Adrian Peters

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<td>Welcome and apologies for absence</td>
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<td>1.1</td>
<td>There were apologies from Janet Berkman, Philip Davies, Kelsang Rak-ma, Ryan Blackburn, Zulfiqer Manji, Alexandra Carton and Zulfiqer Manji. New Councillor members to SACRE were welcomed.</td>
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| 2.1 | Paul Harris, Prevent Sergeant Cambridgeshire & Hertfordshire, gave a presentation on Prevent. After the presentation there was some discussion and members asked questions.  
**Action:** Clerk to share Paul's email address with SACRE members.  
The Chair asked if a short online Prevent course was available to SACRE members. Paul said he would send a link to some online training to the Clerk to send on to SACRE members. **Action:** Clerk to forward the link to Prevent online training once received from Paul.  
The Chair thanked Paul for attending SACRE to talk about Prevent. | Clerk   |
| 3   | Minutes of the last meeting (21st February 2018)             |        |
| 3.1 | The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed as a true accurate record of the meeting. Minutes were proposed by Gurdev Singh and seconded by Father Toby Sherring. | Clerk   |
| 4   | Matters arising from the minutes                             |        |
| 4.1 | Item 3.1. Amanda Fitton said that the Cambridgeshire RE data doesn't say what RE vacancies there are but she knows from the Government website that fewer RE teachers are being trained this year. Also, the amount of | Clerk   |
students choosing to do GCSE RE is having impact on the A level uptake.

| 4.2 | Item 3.4 – Action: Amanda Fitton to contact the teacher unions to get representative from ATL, NAHT AND NASUWT on SACRE. | AF |
| 4.3 | Item 3.5 – Kelsang Rak-Ma had submitted the places of worship proforma with contact details for the Drolma Centre and the clerk added it to the document for schools. Alexandra Carton still to complete the places of worship visit with regards to the Cathedral. Action: Alexandra Carton to complete the places of worship form. The Clerk had sent the link to the places of worship document to all SACRE members. | AC |
| 4.4 | Item 4.1 – The Clerk had obtained agreement from Councillor members about using the remaining budget for the transport project. | |
| 4.5 | Item 7.1 – Action: Amanda Fitton to contact Ely Diocese for a representative for SACRE. | AF |

### SACRE budget update

| 5.1 | Lynne Rayner reported that the SACRE budget allocation remains the same as last year. Sources of income will be courses, including the roadshows in July. Amanda Fitton noted that training sessions have only been planned for up until her contract ends next June. A member asked if there is any unallocated money for this financial year. Lynne said that she imagines that there would be some but it would depend on income from courses and consultancy income from schools, therefore, we can’t ring fence any money at this stage for projects. SACRE members said that they would like some funds for the transport project to be able to run again for next academic year and also for the sixth form lecture. 

Action: Lynne Rayner to provide the amount of unallocated funds at the next meeting when income is known. 

Action: Lynne Rayner to provide a breakdown of the budget headings and allocations for 2018-19 so SACRE members can reconsider the allocations for 2018-20 budget at the next meeting. 

SACRE members discussed ways to source more funding for SACRE and talked about making a budget bid. Action: SACRE members to look at the NASACRE website to find links to sources of funding. | LR |

### Agreed Syllabus launch and rollout

| 6.1 | Amanda Fitton reported that 160 attended the ‘Making a Difference – RE conference’ where the new Agreed Syllabus was launched. Amanda reported good feedback from attendees. BBC Cambridgeshire had interviewed different faith representatives at the event. 

Roadshows for schools who were unable to attend the conference have been planned for July. The roadshows will support schools with planning. 

SACRE commended the ASC group for the new Agreed Syllabus. Amanda reported that producing the syllabus didn’t cost anything as it created with lots of goodwill from people. Amanda spoke about how the syllabus is not specific to allow creativity for teachers. 

A member asked if academies have the Agreed Syllabus free of charge. Amanda confirmed that they do as it is available to all schools online. | All |
SACRE expressed their thanks to Amanda and the ASC for creating the syllabus.

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Transport sub group report

7.1

Update on the project and feedback from schools

The Chair reported that there had been 10 applications for funding and 7 schools had been awarded transport funding. So far, two schools had been able to send their feedback reports, they were Discovery Primary and Highlees/Eyrescroft federation. The feedback from the two schools were shared with SACRE. The Clerk reported that she has chased the other schools for their feedback and any feedback received will be shared at the next meeting.

7.2

Plan for next academic year

The Chair reported that Ryan Blackburn has proposed that SACRE secures funding again this year and does two rounds of applications so that more schools can benefit from it. Ryan would be happy to lead the project again. A member suggested using the success of this year’s project and its impact to make a SACRE funding bid which could be used for a future transport funding project.

SACRE were pleased that they have used the funding to allow so many children to get to a place of worship that wouldn't normally have been able. SACRE concluded that once they are in better position to know remaining budget they can move forward.

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SACRE development

8.1

Vacancies – Ely Diocese, NAHT, ATL and NASUWT unions, Roman Catholic, Quaker, Baptist Church, Methodist Church, Hindu. Amanda reported that she is still waiting on the Ely Diocese who were not forthcoming. The Clerk reported that the Quakers said that they didn’t have anyone to be a representative on SACRE at this time.

8.2

Development Plan – the plan needs to be updated with the addition of the transport project.

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SACRE Annual report 2016-17 – to be agreed

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The SACRE Annual report 2016-17 was circulated prior to the meeting. SACRE ratified the report.

A member observed that the GCSE % pass rates were consistent over the years but the numbers have gone down. Next year’s results will be more interesting with changes to curriculum and assessment.

A member questioned how SACRE could develop pupil and student involvement in SACRE. Amanda said that some SACREs have young people SACREs which meet separately in schools to discuss issues. Amanda said that Hampshire SACRE and Newham SACRE do young people SACREs very well. **Action: Chair to investigate how Newham SACRE has managed their youth SACREs by contacting their Chair of SACRE and also to ask about bids.**

A member questioned how SACRE judges the effectiveness of Agreed Syllabus. Amanda said that in the previous syllabus there were levels of how to assess and now there are new assessments and we will ask for key stage 1 and 2 assessment data from schools in June 2019. The data will
show whether children are working towards, at or exceeding the expected level so is now in line with other subjects. SACRE hasn’t been able to ask for data this year as the assessment procedures aren’t good enough.

A member asked if SACRE can gather data, other than GCSE, from secondary schools because secondary schools have a statutory obligation to teach RE. Amanda said that secondary schools are assessing things differently. A member asked how is secondary school compliance monitored. Amanda said that NATRE are working on this at the moment. **Action:** Clerk to add a NATRE’s role in ensuring secondary schools are compliant with teaching RE.

10 NASACRE Conference

10.1 Amanda Fitton provided feedback from the NASACRE conference which both she and Ryan attended.

A member questioned whether SACRE needs to be a member of NASACRE. Amanda said that it is not essential but she obtains useful advice from them and the documents that they produce are invaluable.

11 Any other business

11.1 None.

12 2018/19 proposed meeting dates to be agreed

12.1 The 2018-19 SACRE meeting dates are as follows:

- 18th October 2018
- 27th February 2019
- 18th June 2019

The meeting closed at 7.36pm.

Signed: [Signature]
Chair of SACRE