

PETERBOROUGH STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Venue: Forli Room, Town Hall

Tuesday 17th October 2017, 5.30 p.m.

Minutes of meeting

Present

Amanda Fitton
 Gurdev Singh
 Iain Simper
 Janet Berkman
 Lynne Rayner
 Martin McBean
 Cllr Nick Sandford
 Philip Davies
 Ryan Blackburn
 Sukaina Manji
 Jack Buley
 Lucia Hawes (Clerk)

Apologies

Alexandra Carlton
 Cllr Brian Rush
 Mark Tomlins

Absent

Cllr Amjad Iqbal
 Adrian Peters
 Rachel Beeson

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	Welcome and apologies for absence	
1.1	There were apologies from Alexandra Carlton, Councillor Brian Rush and Mark Tomlins.	
2.	Election of Chair	
2.1	Sukaina Manji was elected by Chair of SACRE. This was proposed by and seconded by PD.	
3	Election of Vice Chair	
3.1	Ryan Blackburn was elected as Vice Chair. This was proposed by PD and seconded by GS.	
4	Minutes of the last meeting (21st June 2017)	
4.1	The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	
5	Matters arising from the minutes	
5.1	RE teacher recruitment and vacancies – AF said that she has not looked into RE teacher recruitment yet. RB suggested that she get in touch with Teach East as a training provider to see how many RE teachers are being trained. AF reported that there are not many RE teacher vacancies in secondary schools across Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Rutland. Action: AF to find out where Cambridgeshire obtain this information from.	AF
5.2	All other actions had been completed. AF said that she would start putting together the next annual report after Christmas.	
6	SACRE budget update	

6.1	<p><u>Current budget status</u></p> <p>LR reported on the current budget status (2017-18): £245 allocated for training; £250 allocated for travel; £200 allocated for hospitality; £100 allocated for the NASACRE subscription.</p> <p>GS asked if unspent money can be carried over into the next financial year. LR confirmed that the Local Authority would not allow any carry forward.</p> <p>SACRE discussed what their expenditure might be for the rest of the financial year. As some funds will be used to contribute to the cost of the Faith Direct for secondary schools, AF suggested spending the remaining budget on primary schools. A SACRE member asked if we generate income via training courses for schools. AF confirmed that income is generated from training and it is used to go towards her salary.</p> <p>LR confirmed that any purchase orders need to be raised and receipted by 31st March if money is to be taken from the 2017-18 budget.</p>	
6.2	<p><u>2018-19 budget preparation</u></p> <p>A SACRE member asked if the budget will remain the same for 2018-19. LR said that historically the budget has stayed the same and there has been no indication that it will change.</p>	
7	<p>Agreed Syllabus Update</p>	
7.1	<p><u>Minutes from the last meetings</u></p> <p>The ASC minutes were sent to members prior to the meeting. A SACRE member asked what proportion of end package is ready. AF said that the statutory part and progression is complete. The exemplars are being written and resources will be done after Christmas. AF explained that she would not be putting together a lot of resources because she wants to encourage teachers to tailor resources and plans to their students.</p>	
7.2	<p><u>Update on progress</u></p> <p>A SACRE member queried whether the syllabus is on track for launch in May. AF said that the syllabus will be ready for mid-January when it has to go to Cabinet. Action: AF to send the completed syllabus and resources to SACRE members in January so that members can send comments prior to the SACRE meeting in February.</p> <p>The launch of the syllabus will take place on 3rd May at the Marriott Hotel in Huntingdon. AF said the launch will be self-funding. 2 key note speakers have been booked and there will be CPD sessions for teachers and workshops on the agreed syllabus. The event will be able to host 180 teachers at a cost of between £65 - £85 per teacher for the whole day. SACRE members asked about publicity for the event. AF said that publicity will be organised and Look East will be contacted to report on the launch and it will be stressed how little it has cost to produce the syllabus.</p>	AF

	<p>SACRE were keen for politicians to attend the event. Action: Lynne Rayner/ Gary Perkins to invite Councillor Lynne Ayres (Cabinet Member for Education).</p> <p>AF asked if members knew of anyone who would be able to run a workshop at the event for either primary and secondary teachers. AF thanked PD, SM and GS for their work on the syllabus. Action: AF to send JB the Judaism progression documents for proof reading. RB also offered to proofread some of the syllabus and to help with organising training and advertising.</p> <p>AF confirmed that account and booking for the launch will be managed by Cambridgeshire.</p> <p>NS mentioned that 3rd May is local election day so may it may affect the attendance of Councillors.</p>	<p>LR</p> <p>AF</p>
7.3	<p><u>Presentation of pilot material</u></p> <p>AF reported that the pilot is going well. AF said that schools piloting the syllabus include Church of England Schools and Academies. She reported that Peterborough secondary schools have been helpful with giving their perspective on assessment in Key Stage 3 & 4. AF will send out another survey to piloting schools at the beginning of December.</p> <p>A SACRE member asked if the pilot material contains primary assessment material. AF confirmed that it does. Action: AF to ensure that draft material has a title and dated footer.</p>	AF
8	SACRE development	
8.1	<p><u>Membership of SACRE and attendance</u></p> <p>AF reported that membership is quite low and both she and the Clerk have written to the relevant faith leaders and also the Interfaith group neither of which has come to anything. The vacancies for faith and union representatives are as follows: Church of England; Hindu; Quaker; Roman Catholic; Buddhist; Baptist church; Methodist church; NAHT union; ATL union; NASUWT union. A SACRE member asked if the number of vacancies is unusual compared with other SACREs. AF confirmed that it is.</p> <p>Action: AF to contact the teacher unions to get representatives from ATL, NASUWT and NAHT.</p> <p>It was suggested that members of other SACREs could ask their counterparts in Peterborough if they would like to join. Action: AF to speak to members of other SACRE members to ask them to speak to their peers in Peterborough.</p> <p>SACRE discussed issuing a press release to promote vacancies on SACRE and it was suggested that this is tied in with the press release for the launch of the syllabus. Action: LR to ask Gary Perkins to raise that we need more SACRE members at Council meetings.</p>	<p>AF</p> <p>AF</p> <p>LR</p>

	<p>RB suggested going to National Councils to alert them of our vacancies. Action: RB to give contact details of National Councils to the Clerk. It was noted that the representative recruited by the Ely Diocese has not attended at meeting as yet. Action: AF to contact Ely Diocese. Action: PD to contact Peterborough Diocese to ask for a representative on SACRE.</p>	<p>RB AF PD</p>
8.2	<p><u>Development plan – focus for this meeting:</u> <u>Management of SACRE & partnership with LA</u> AF reported that the partnership with the Local Authority is going well.</p>	
8.3	<p><u>Review of working parties in line with priorities</u></p> <p>SACRE reviewed their focus for the development plan. It was agreed that they would focus on assisting schools with visits to places of worship. Feedback from schools via the survey was that the cost of transport was a barrier that stops children from going to places of worship and also a lack of contacts. SACRE decided that they would use some of the budget to subsidise transport costs to places of worship and will strive to have a list of contacts for places of worship in Peterborough. Action: Places of worship to be sent to SACRE members who have not yet completed and returned. Action: Clerk to send places of worship contacts to schools and community cohesion group (to see if more contacts can be added). RB to provide some contact details.</p> <p>SACRE decided that the objective for the development plan (next financial year) would be to help 1000 children to visit a place of worship. It was decided that this would be piloted with primary schools as they are more willing to go out on visits than secondary schools. There was a discussion about how there would need to be a selection criteria for applying for funding towards transport costs as the budget available is not enough to subsidise transport for all primary schools. SACRE will launch this to schools on 1st April and it will also be promoted at the Syllabus launch. Action: AF to check that the other SACREs will be happy for this to be announced at the syllabus launch.</p> <p>The development plan working group will consist of Gurdev Singh, Martin McBean, Sukaina Manji and Ryan Blackburn. The working group will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Look at the results of the school survey about visits to places of worship; - Decide on a selection criteria/application process; - Monitor the impact on schools. <p>Action: Clerk to send results of survey to RB. Action: LR to clarify the amount that could be used out of the budget.</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk</p> <p>AF</p> <p>Clerk LR</p>
9	Faith Direct event – 9th November 2017	
9.1	<p>The Faith Direct event will take place at the Marriott Hotel in Huntingdon, 120 students from all 4 local authorities will attend and this is the maximum that can be accommodated. Many faith representatives will also attend.</p>	

10	NASACRE briefing paper, issue 16 – for discussion	
10.1	AF reported that there will be a Future of RE conference in Birmingham on 24 th November that she will attend. Action: AF to feedback on the conference at the next meeting.	AF
10.2	NASACRE conference will take place on 24 th May 2018.	
10.3	There was a discussion about the SACRE awards and whether Peterborough should put in an application. The deadline for application is 31 st March. The working group will look into putting in an application.	
11	Any other business	
11.1	The Chief Executive of the Council has organised a 'tackling radicalisation together' round table meeting on 15 th November from 4pm until 6pm. SACRE has been invited. AF will attend on behalf of SACRE. Action: Clerk to send the invitation letter out to SACRE members.	Clerk
11.2	The next SACRE meetings will be on Wednesday 21st February 2018 and Wednesday 20th June 2018.	

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

Signed: _____
Chair of SACRE