
STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 20 APRIL 2015

Present:

Group A - Other Religions

Elizabeth Jenkerson, David Vane

Group B – Church of England

Rev Jennings, Allan King

Group C - Teachers

Jackie Meering; David Parrott, Julian Waterfield

Group D - Members of the Council

Councillors Daunt and Parnell and Kate Martin

Co-Opted Members

Elizabeth Mizon, Suzanne Underwood

Also in attendance:

Pat Hannam, Hampshire County Inspector/Adviser RE (Hants SACRE Professional Advisor)
Alison Philpott, SACRE Professional Adviser, SCC

45. **WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND CHANGES OF MEMBERSHIP**

Apologies were received from:

Group A – Anas al Korj, Margaret Blake, Priti Dave, Neil Maddock, Harmeet Singh-Brar, David Walford

Group B – Rev Jeff Williams, Richard Wharton

Group D - Councillors Denness and Paffey

Others - Anna Adams, Chris Davis, Sian Roberts, Natasha Byebrooks,

46. **STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair welcomed Pat Hannam, Hampshire County Inspector/Adviser RE (Hants SACRE Professional Advisor) to the meeting who was in attendance primarily to provide advice regarding the Agreed Syllabus.

Councillor Daunt reminded the SACRE that the next meeting would be the first of the new municipal year and therefore the election of a chair would be required.

47. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

48. **SACRE CONSTITUTION**

The SACRE had agreed that amendments required to update the Constitution be considered by a task group which then provided feedback to the main SACRE for further discussion and agreement.

The task group consisted of: Elizabeth Jenkerson, Rev. Jennings, David Parrott, and Councillor Daunt with Pat Hannam in attendance.

It was noted that a number of amendments had been agreed at previous meetings (as marked on attached version) but had not been progressed due to those meetings being inquorate.

It was agreed that legal advice would be sought to finalise the suggested amendments which were primarily a question of updating the Constitution to reflect changes within SCC and other organisations.

It was noted that changes to the SACRE Constitution would require to go through the formal decision making process – this would involve a formal report to Cabinet.

RESOLVED that the proposed amendments to the SACRE constitution be agreed and that the Constitution be updated subject to legal advice from the SCC corporate legal team.

49. **PROPOSED PROTOCOL FOR VISITING SCHOOLS**

The SACRE had agreed that the agreement of proposals for a protocol for SACRE members visiting schools for monitoring / support purposes be considered by a task group which then provided feedback to the main SACRE for further discussion and agreement.

The working group consisted of: Allan King, Kate Martin, Jackie Meering, Liz Mizon, David Vane, Councillor Parnell and Alison Philpott.

The main points agreed were:

- That there would be a pilot monitoring visit to run in the Summer Term.
- That any SACRE members available for monitoring visits notify Alison Philpott.
- That monitoring reports be treated as confidential and be kept anonymous.

50. **SCHOOLS AUDIT TOOL OUTCOMES**

Alison Philpott gave a verbal update outlining the findings from the returns of the recent Audit Tools of RE in City schools.

It was reported that responses had been received from 18 schools but that more were expected following the Easter holidays. The response rate represented almost one

third of the schools contacted and a good range across the school phases. Key points included:

- Priorities were around staff development
- Issues around leadership – these would be picked up by Alison in her role as Cross Phase Advisor to schools in the City.
- Identification of resources

It was felt that a Helpsheet on RE resources and associated costs might be an outcome of the Audit.

A further report to the SACRE would be given at a future meeting.

51. **AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE**

Alison Philpott introduced this discussion item regarding the way forward for the Agreed Syllabus Conference.

Pat Hannam reported that the Isle of Wight were to join Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton in the review with a view to adopting the Agreed Syllabus.

Alison reported that a number of teachers from schools in the City had volunteered or been put forward by their head teachers to join the review of the Agreed Syllabus.

Members were reminded that the Agreed Syllabus Conference would be held following this meeting of the main SACRE.

52. **OFSTED UPDATE**

Elizabeth Jenkerson reported that a number of Ofsted reports on RE in City schools were awaited and it was agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting.

53. **FEEDBACK ON EVENTS**

The SACRE receive feedback from members on events attended including the South Central Hub meeting on 9th February 2015.

Updates and information were also provided regarding some upcoming events and training available running in Hampshire including the RE Leadership Conference 2015.

54. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be on Monday, 6th July 2015 at 4pm – venue to be confirmed but probably in the Civic Centre.