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MEETING	STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)
DATE	MONDAY, 8th MARCH, 2010 AT 4.00 pm
VENUE	CONFERENCE ROOM 3 - CIVIC CENTRE
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MEMBERS	SEE ATTACHED LIST

A G E N D A

1. **WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND CHANGES OF MEMBERSHIP**
2. **STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members are required to declare any personal or prejudicial interest in any item on the agenda.

4. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2009, attached.

5. **MEMBERSHIP OF SACRE** (Pages 5 - 6)

To receive a presentation from the Chair outlining the current membership of the SACRE, list attached.

6. **ADOPTION OF SACRE CONSTITUTION** (Pages 7 - 14)

To consider the report of the Chair of SACRE requesting members to formally approve the amended SACRE Constitution for 2009/10, attached.

7. **FEEDBACK ON EVENTS** (Pages 15 - 18)

To receive a verbal update from the secondary phase inspector on the following:-

- local SACRE's network group meeting on 5 October 2009 minutes attached.
- the first interfaith week in England, held 15 – 21 November 2009.
- feedback on individual faith groups.

- Annual Report.

8. SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

To receive a report from Cllr Daunt giving detailed analysis on each of the Development Plan Dimensions' from the working group set up to progress the Plan, copy to follow.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Training on declarations of interest (Sarita Riley).
- Social cohesion and Prevent (Vanessa Shahani).

11. DATES AND VENUES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 14 June 2010.

Venue to be confirmed.

WOULD MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THAT, ON THE RISING OF SACRE, THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE.

Friday, 26 February 2010

SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MEMBERSHIP

GROUP A

Christian Denominations*

(Religions and other bodies listed in the SACRE Constitution)*

The Roman Catholic Church	Rev David Sillince
The Baptists	Rev David Turner
The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	Bridget Goom
The Greek Orthodox Church	Gregory Hadjikyriacou
The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches	Mrs Margaret Blake
The Methodist Church	Ms Gail Ratcliffe
The United Reformed Church	Vacancy
The Assemblies of God	
Peter Howard	
The Salvation Army	Major Ruth Hill

Other Religions

Religions other than Christianity (as listed in the SACRE Constitution) – Baha'i, Buddhism, Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism = 6

Baha'i	Jeff Lynn
Buddhist	David Vane
Hindu	Priti Dave
Jewish	Ms Mag Kushner
Muslim	Anas Al-Korj
Sikh	Bharpoor Singh

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(Four representatives of the Church of England)

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GROUP D

(4+substitute) - Four representatives of the Southampton City Council, at least two of whom shall be elected members of the City Council)

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Councillor Carol Cunio
Councillor Parvin Damani (CHAIR)
Councillor Edward Daunt (VICE-CHAIR)
Councillor Brian Parnell

GROUP D SUBSTITUTE

Mrs. K. Martin

OTHERS (Non-voting)

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Humanism	Ms. Chris Robinson
Primary School RE Teacher	Anna Adams

OBSERVERS

Central Baptist Church	Rev. David Masters
Representative of Teachers' Subject Network/Aspirant Advanced Skills Teacher (RE)	Sian Roberts

Agenda Item 4

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2009

AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:

Group A Members

Bridget Goom	The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Peter Howard	The Assemblies of God
Ms Mag Kushner	Jewish representative
Rev David Turner	The Baptists

Group B Members

Tony Blackshaw	The Church of England
Lilian Weatherley	The Church of England

Group C Members

Jackie Meering	National Union of Teachers (NUT)
David Parrott	National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT)
Julian Bryant	The Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL)

Group D Members

Councillor Carol Cunio	Southampton City Council
Councillor Edward Daunt (Vice-Chair)	Southampton City Council
Councillor Brian Parnell	Southampton City Council

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Sue Langdon – Secondary Phase Inspector	Southampton City Council
Vicky Pett – Democratic Support Officer	Southampton City Council

1. WELCOMES, APOLOGIES AND CHANGES OF MEMBERSHIP

COUNCILLOR DAUNT IN THE CHAIR

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair took the Chair and welcomed everybody to the meeting.

At the invitation of the Vice-Chair, a moment of reflection was provided at the start of the meeting by the Jewish representative, Ms Mag Kushner.

Apologies were received from:-

Group A:

Rev David Sillince
David Vane – Buddhist representative

Priti Dave – Hindu representative

Jeff Lynn – Baha’I representative

Group C

Ruth Evans – Association of School and College Leavers (ASCL)

Group D

Councillor Damani (Chair)

Group D Substitute

Mrs K Martin

Co-opted Members

Ms Chris Robinson

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2009 be approved and signed as a correct record. (Copy of the minutes circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

3. MEMBERSHIP OF SACRE

The meeting received a verbal update from the Vice-Chair on the current membership of the SACRE.

New Member

The Chair announced the following new member nomination whose membership was duly formally endorsed:-

Group C

David Parrott, representing The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT), replacing Mr Don Bulmer.

Co-opted Member

Sian Roberts had provided temporary cover for Mr Bulmer during his long illness. However, the meeting was keen that Sian’s valuable contribution to SACRE as a teacher actively concerned with religious education in school, and member of the Teachers’ Subject Network, should continue.

RESOLVED that Sian Roberts be co-opted as a member of SACRE for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

4. REVIEW OF SACRE CONSTITUTION

Members considered the report of the Chair of SACRE reviewing the SACRE Constitution and the amendments shown as track-changes in Appendix 1.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the amendments indicated by track-changes in Appendix 1 be accepted;
- (ii) that, in addition, under Group A Membership in Clause 9.1 of the SACRE Constitution, Baha’i be added to the existing list of Religions other than Christianity represented (as adopted at the meeting of SACRE on 14 July 2008).

5. FEEDBACK ON EVENTS

CHANGES TO OFSTED FRAMEWORK

The Secondary Phase Inspector gave a verbal report on the impact of the new Ofsted Framework and provided a written summary of the changes.

The meeting heard that the timing and frequency of the inspections would be changing and that the Report Card, which was designed to give a 'healthcheck' on the school, would form the core of the process by which Ofsted selected schools for inspection. Schools would be 'red-flagged' following a sampling procedure, with attendance and exclusion issues likely to trigger an assessment.

The meeting also heard that other priorities of the new Ofsted Framework included checking schools' procedures for safeguarding, and the effectiveness with which the school promotes community cohesion. The meeting noted that Community Cohesion was the Fifth Dimension of SACRE's Development Plan.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES

The Secondary Phase Inspector gave a verbal update on the funding situation and suggested that, since the funding stream from Schools Standards would not be available to SACRE from March 2011, additional sources should be explored. It was felt that, since there was a similarity of messages, there might be some potential for rationalising resources with the Community Cohesion division in the City, which included the Prevent agenda.

RESOLVED that a representative from the Community Cohesion area of the Council be invited to attend a future meeting of SACRE.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Secondary Phase Inspector reported that the SACRE Annual Report 2007-08 approved at the 15 June 2009 meeting would be made available for public inspection and circulated (as per Clause 2.1 of SACRE's Constitution) at the conclusion of appeals to examination results. This was imminent.

LOCAL SACRE'S NETWORK GROUP MEETING ON 29 JUNE 09

Members had received the Minutes from the above meeting. The Secondary Phase Inspector reported that these meetings had been very useful. Members heard that, from now on, the Group would only be meeting twice a year.

FEEDBACK FROM LOCAL FAITH GROUPS

No feedback was offered.

6. THE FIRST INTERFAITH WEEK IN ENGLAND (15-21 NOVEMBER 2009)

In the absence of Jeff Lynn, it was not possible to hear this item.

RESOLVED that, due to the impending date of the Interfaith Week, which made it impossible to defer the item to a future meeting, information would be emailed to members following the meeting.

7. SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Councillor Daunt gave a verbal update on the Plan and presented written material provided by members of the working group set up to progress the Development plan who were not present. Jackie Meering was present and with the consent of

the Chair, addressed the meeting.

Members heard the following:-

Dimension 1: Standards and Quality of Provision of RE (update from material provided by Sian Roberts)

The self-evaluation form to be completed by subject leaders, senior leaders and shown to governors, was the most logical action for the Development Plan in order for SACRE to support and help improve the standards and quality of provision of RE.

Dimension 2: Management of SACRE and partnership with the LA and other key stakeholders (update from Councillor Daunt)

There would be more information at the next meeting but the first objective proposed was for a moment of reflection at the start of SACRE meetings, led on a rotating basis by the various faith groups.

Dimension 3: The effectiveness of the local Agreed Syllabus (update from Jackie Meering)

Since the Agreed Syllabus was currently under review there was not much to report at this stage.

Dimension 4: Collective Worship (update from Peter Howard)

There had been discussions on issues relating to the practice and provision for collective worship, but no detailed guidance given to schools by SACRE and no monitoring of provision. Also, there was a lack of awareness of the latest national developments in collective worship. Therefore, it was not possible to rate this Dimension as 'above development'. There had been little on SACRE agendas.

Dimension 5: Contribution of SACRE to community cohesion (update from Jeff Lynn)

No update had been provided for this Dimension.

Members also heard that this item was to be the main item for consideration at the next SACRE meeting, with a more detailed analysis on each of the Development Plan Dimensions from the Working Group.

RESOLVED that the verbal update be noted.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

In addition to the items given on the agenda members requested that a representative from the Community Cohesion area of the Council be invited to attend a future meeting of SACRE (as minuted above).

9. DATES AND VENUES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

1. Monday 8 March 2010
2. Monday 14 June 2010

Both at 4.00pm. Venues to be advised.

Agenda Item 5

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MEMBERSHIP

GROUP A

(12+3 vacancies)

	MEMBER	SUBSTITUTE
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Agenda Item 6

SACRE CONSTITUTION 2009/2010

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

CONSTITUTION

1 **AIM**

- 1.1 The aim of the SACRE is to provide advice to the Authority upon such matters connected with collective worship in schools, and the religious education to be taught in accordance with an agreed syllabus.

2 **OBJECTIVES**

- 2.1 The core objectives of the SACRE are:

- to provide independent consultation and detailed scrutiny on any matters within its scope of interest;
- to determine any application from the headteacher of a City school, following consultation with the governing body, for an amendment to the requirement that collective worship be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character; and
- to publish an annual report which:
 - i. specifies any matters on which the SACRE has advised the Authority;
 - ii. broadly describes the nature of that advice; and
 - iii. sets out its reasons for offering advice on any matters which were not initially referred to the SACRE by the Authority.

In addition to making the report available for public inspection, a copy shall be sent to the Qualifications and National Curriculum Authority (QCA) and to such other organisations, including County, Foundation and Voluntary Schools and Academies and local teacher training institutions as the SACRE considers appropriate.

3 **SCOPE OF INTEREST**

- 3.1 The scope of interest of the SACRE shall include:

- any such matters connected with collective worship in City schools, and the religious education to be taught in accordance with an agreed syllabus as the Authority may refer to the SACRE, or as the SACRE may consider appropriate; and
- the statutory duty of the Authority to review its agreed syllabus every five years and to convene an Agreed Syllabus Conference.

4 RELATIONSHIP OF THE SACRE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

- 4.1 The SACRE will have a separate identity and independent voice within the arrangements. The SACRE should be consulted by the Local Authority on any issues falling within its scope of interest.

5 ACCOUNTABILITY AND BUSINESS PLANNING

- 5.1 The SACRE is independent of the Council. The Education Reform Act 1988 requires the City Council as a Local Authority to establish a SACRE. When reports and actions are required that need to be considered by the Council they will be formally considered by the Cabinet or Cabinet Member or Officer acting under delegated powers.

6 LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- 6.1 The SACRE is established pursuant to the Education Reform Act 1988.
- 6.2 To facilitate the effective operation of the SACRE in accordance with its aims, the SACRE will respond as necessary to any further government guidance, legislation or new initiatives impacting upon the areas of responsibility of functions of the SACRE.

7 THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SACRE

- 7.1 In pursuit of its aims the SACRE will:-
- operate to a timetable that mirrors the municipal year of the Local Education Authority.
 - hold meetings (including extraordinary meetings) at a time of day and at an appropriate location to allow full participation by members:
 - i. at the Civic Centre and/or other venues;
 - ii. at the end of the school day;
 - iii. or otherwise notified to SACRE members 5 clear working days before each regular meeting.
 - hold its meetings at least once per term, no less than 3 times per year;
 - require at least one member from each voting group to be present to constitute a quorum in order to have a fully constituted meeting;
 - always seek to operate on a consensus basis. If it is not possible to reach a consensus, members will be required to undertake a formal vote as set out in paragraph 12 of this Constitution.

- review and recommend to Cabinet (Cabinet Member) any amendments to its Constitution on an annual basis at the first meeting of each financial year following a formal consultation process with the relevant parties;
- review and adopt the terms of reference for any sub-committees on an annual basis at the first meeting of each financial year following a formal consultation process with the sub-committees;
- keep a written record of all SACRE meetings and meetings of its sub-committees;
- any member of the SACRE may submit items to be included on the agenda of a main meeting of the SACRE supported by a written statement/report to the Chair at least 10 working days before the meeting;
- agenda and reports will be circulated generally at least 5 working days prior to the meeting;
- create sub-committees where necessary;
- be able to ask that the Local Authority consider holding an extraordinary meeting of the SACRE at the written request of at least one member.

8 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

- 8.1 Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act will be handled in accordance with the Council's published procedures for dealing with such requests.

Any Member of the SACRE receiving a request under the FOIA will be required to pass that request to Legal & Democratic Services within 24 hours of receipt of that request in order that Legal & Democratic Services may deal with the request on behalf of the SACRE within the 20 working day time limit.

Where a request has been made for the disclosure of information covered by a qualified exemption under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (or other relevant information), the Chair of the SACRE will be invited to attend a Public Interest Test Panel meeting to consider the potential disclosure. If the Chair is unable to attend the meeting the request will be dealt with by the Panel at their discretion. Where the Panel decides that the balance of interest is in favour of the disclosure of the information requested, Legal & Democratic Services will arrange for disclosure. Where the Panel decides that the balance is in favour of the non-disclosure of the information requested, the information requested will be withheld and Legal & Democratic Services will arrange for the reasons for the decision to be communicated in writing. Such decisions will be made after taking any appropriate legal advice in accordance with the Council's published policies and procedures.

9 **MEMBERSHIP**

9.1 The SACRE shall comprise members drawn from four groups, appointed by the Authority, as specified below:

GROUP A

One representative of each of the religions and other bodies listed below:

Christian Denominations

The Roman Catholic Church	The Methodist Church
The Baptist Union	The United Reformed Church
The Religious Society of Friends	The Assemblies of God
The Greek Orthodox Church	The Salvation Army
The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches	

Religions other than Christianity

Judaism	Islam
Hinduism	Sikhism
Buddhism	<u>Baha'i</u>

GROUP B

Four representatives of the Church of England

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Six teachers representing associations recognised by the Authority for the purposes of consultation and negotiation

GROUP D

Four representatives of the Southampton City Council, at least two of whom shall be elected members of the City Council.

9.2 In addition to members drawn from these four groups detailed above, one person appointed by Oasis Community Learning in respect of the Academies operating in the City of Southampton which previously had Community or Voluntary status may sit as a member of the SACRE.

9.3 The SACRE may co-opt additional persons, including such teachers as may be necessary to ensure adequate representation of teachers who are actively concerned with religious education in primary and secondary schools. Co-options shall be for the period set by the SACRE.

- 9.4 Members of the SACRE, with the exception of co-opted members, shall be appointed for a period of four years.
- 9.5 In accordance with regulations, the Local Authority will review the membership of the SACRE on an annual basis in line with the Constitutional review, and may terminate the membership of any member of the SACRE by giving one month's written notice.
- 9.6 In addition to the term of office coming to an end, a member ceases to be a member of the SACRE if he or she resigns from the SACRE or no longer occupies the office which he or she was nominated to represent.
- 9.7 A member of the SACRE appointed by the Authority may be removed from membership by the Authority at any time if, in the opinion of the Authority, the person ceases to be representative of either the denomination, religious group, association or Academy which he/she was appointed to represent.
- 9.8 Subject to condition 9.7, above, members of the SACRE having served a full term are eligible for re-appointment.
- 9.9 The SACRE will receive support and advice from the School Inspectors.
- 9.10 At the discretion of the Chair of the SACRE, Advising Officers can attend SACRE meetings. Advising Officers provide information and professional expertise but are not members of the SACRE and cannot vote.
- 9.11 The Executive Director for Children and Learning and the Executive Member for Children's Services shall have a standing invitation to attend all SACRE and sub committee meetings but are not members of the SACRE and cannot vote. At the discretion of the Chair they may address the meeting.
- 9.12 At the discretion of the Chair of the SACRE, Observers can attend SACRE meetings. Observers are interested individuals who have been invited to attend SACRE meetings. At the discretion of the Chair of the SACRE observers can address the meeting but they are not members of the SACRE and cannot vote.

10 **ELECTION AND NOMINATION OF SACRE MEMBERS**

- 10.1 Members of the SACRE are responsible for the method by which they elect and nominate their representatives, and each representative group within the SACRE will be responsible for the method by which they elect their representatives.
- 10.2 The membership of existing schools members is valid until such members' terms of office come to an end or they resign or they become otherwise ineligible for membership. When a vacancy does arise, the authority must appoint a replacement schools member to the SACRE to represent the same group as the retiring member.

10.3 Nomination of members is by a process of self-nomination. The SACRE will formally endorse membership by a simple majority vote at the next available meeting of the SACRE.

11 **MEETINGS**

11.1 Meetings of the SACRE shall be held in public.

12 **VOTING**

12.1 On any matter to be decided by the SACRE, the four groups A, B, C, and D shall be entitled to vote and each group shall have a single vote. The Academies' representative and the co-opted members do not have a vote.

12.2 Decisions within a group about how the vote is to be cast do not require unanimity. Each group is to regulate its own proceedings, including provision for resolving deadlock.

12.3 In the event of a tied vote, the Chair shall have the casting vote.

13 **CODE OF PRACTICE**

13.1 Members of the SACRE will operate in accordance with the Local Code of Conduct for Members. Members are therefore required to sign a declaration in respect of the Code of Conduct and also complete a Register of their Interests.

13.2 Interests, whether personal or prejudicial, should be declared. If a member has a prejudicial interest they should declare that interest and withdraw from the meeting and take no part in the decision.

13.3 Members who fail to attend three consecutive meetings without a satisfactory explanation will have their membership reviewed by the SACRE.

14 **CHAIRING**

14.1 The Chair and Vice Chair will be appointed from the members of Groups A, B, C and D. Such appointments shall be for the Municipal Year or until the person appointed ceases to be a member of the SACRE, whichever is sooner.

14.2 Persons continuing to be members of the SACRE are eligible for re-appointment to the position of Chair or Vice Chair.

15 **SERVICING THE COMMITTEE**

15.1 The specific responsibilities of the Chair and Members of the SACRE will be as set out in this Constitution and the Education Reform Act 1988.

15.2 The specific responsibilities of Democratic Support and Member's Services of the City Council will be to:-

- convene meetings of the SACRE;
- arrange accommodation for meetings;
- co-ordinate and act as secretariat to meetings;
- copy, circulate and dispatch appropriate papers; and
- provide appropriate guidance on the operation of local government and other relevant procedures.

15.3 The specific responsibilities of the Professional Advisors to the SACRE will be to

- provide advice to the SACRE and any sub committee(s) on professional issues; and
- advise and update SACRE members on any new government guidance or policy documents.

16 **DISPUTES AND COMPLAINTS**

16.1 The SACRE is intended to be a collaborative, co-operative body and needs to ensure that no particular sector or member is unduly favored. Problems and issues should normally be debated and resolved at the SACRE meetings. However, if parties feel that these have not been resolved, the following process should be followed and minutes taken.

16.2 Stage 1: The parties who are in dispute meet with the Chair of the SACRE and the Professional Advisor who will assist in finding or recommending a solution.

16.3 Stage 2: A special meeting of the SACRE is convened, with papers prepared by the parties representing different views. The Chair and the Professional Advisor also prepare a paper offering possible options for resolution. If the problem is not resolved, the dispute is referred to Stage 3.

16.4 Stage 3: If the issue is not resolved then guidance or clarification will be sought from the relevant Government Department.

16.5 Complaints from members of the public will be handled by the Council's Complaints Procedure.

17 **NON COMPLIANCE OF ACTIVITIES**

- 17.1 Issues of non-compliance will, in the first instance, be referred to the Chair of the SACRE who will investigate and attempt to reach satisfactory resolution through discussion with the representative of the agency concerned. In the event of satisfactory resolution not being reached, the matter will be referred to the next SACRE meeting.

18 **MONITORING AND INSPECTION**

- 18.1 The effectiveness of the SACRE will be assessed by Internal Review.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

- 18.2 The SACRE and its members will co-operate with any reasonable request by the Council in respect of its overview and scrutiny functions under Section 21 Local Government Act 2000. Any requests for information or attendance of SACRE members at the relevant overview and scrutiny committee will be made as soon as possible and generally at least 10 days before the meeting.

Agenda Item 7

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NETWORK MEETING OF LOCAL SACREs

NOTES OF THE MEETING held on Monday 5 October 2009 at 2 pm in the Wellington Room, The Castle, Winchester.

Present

Portsmouth SACRE

Councillor David Horne, Portsmouth SACRE Chair,
Georgina Mulhall, Portsmouth SACRE, RE Advisor

Hampshire SACRE

Councillor Anna McNair Scott, Hampshire SACRE (in the Chair)
Pat Hannam, Hampshire SACRE Professional Advisor
Judith Lowndes, Hampshire SACRE RE Advisor
Katy Ford, Hampshire SACRE Clerk

Isle of Wight SACRE

Ralph Hodd, Isle of Wight SACRE Chair

BOURNEMOUTH SACRE

Rubina Nassar, Bournemouth RE Advisor
Lilian Weatherley, Bournemouth SACRE Vice-Chair,
Isle of Wight SACRE RE Adviser, Group B Representative on
Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton SACREs

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Peter Davies, Portsmouth SACRE, Vice Chair; Councillor Edward Daunt, new Southampton Vice Chair; Councillor Parvin Damani, Southampton SACRE Chair.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 20 April 2009

It was noted in regards to the action on item 3(a) that the guidelines would be forwarded to Portsmouth and Southampton once tested in the two Hampshire schools.

Action 7.1 are to be followed up by Peter Davies

Action 7.2 (website) – It was agreed that due to David Vane changing roles, the website would be left until someone suitable could be assigned to manage it and keep it up to date.

Subject to the above amendments, the minutes were approved as a correct record.

3 Matters Arising

No specific items were discussed

4 Updates from SACREs

Various issues with local SACRE's were discussed.

(a) Portsmouth SACRE

Portsmouth had received very positive feedback after their SACRE development day. Mary Young from the University College Chichester attended and did a talk on Community Cohesion. The event was well attended by SACRE members and Head teachers and representatives from fourteen local schools also attended the event.

A 'Jewish Way of Life' exhibition is currently being set up for 1 – 21 July 2010. It is being well supported and will be open to schools during the week and the general public at the weekends and from 14:30 onwards on week days. It shall be held at Portsmouth Museum and also expanding outside to allow more room and opportunity for visitors to interact with workshops and exhibits.

ACTION:

Judith to forward Georgina a copy of the pack featuring information on Judaism so it can be included as part of the event.

(b) Hampshire SACRE

A SACRE training course had been attended by members, provided by NASACRE and the feedback was very positive, with the course being very beneficial. This training is only open to new Members on Committee A of SACRE and not elected Members.

Slight disappointment was raised that Portsmouth had not provided any schools for the GCSE Conference. Georgina asked that in future all details were passed to her so she make sure the information was forwarded to the right people.

ACTION:

Judith to forward information on the GCSE Conference to Georgina.

Pat Hannam was welcomed as Clive Erriker's replacement for Hampshire.

(c) Bournemouth SACRE

Bournemouth confirmed that their next SACRE meeting was on the 10 October and was to be followed by a visit to the local synagogue.

5 Community Cohesion / Prevent Strategy. An update from Pat Hannam, County RE Inspector for Hampshire.

This meeting, attended by Pat, was chaired by Paddy Hillary of HCC. There were several areas of focus, including Education and RE, which was very positive.

The conferences had unfortunately been postponed due to low uptake from schools. A meeting in London is to follow in November regarding the Toolkit.

It was confirmed that SACRE are responsible for monitoring community cohesion and that it was important that white extremism was considered as an issue. Some concerns were raised regarding funding for community cohesion as the RE Council may be unable to administer the funding. This shall be monitored.

6 Review of the Agreed Syllabus for Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton

The meeting is to take place on the 6 October, with feedback being received from schools. Results shall be presented to Southampton and Portsmouth. The plan is for it to be published by September 2010.

Mark Chater has an alignment group to see about realigning the Agreed Syllabus' and shall be attended the Hampshire SACRE.

7 Agreeing protocols with between SACRE's.

Judith tabled a proposed set of protocols for the group's approval.

It was suggested that the Council logo's were added to the protocol. The final version shall be emailed to local SACRE's for approval.

8 Update on Raising the Profile of SACREs

Hampshire confirmed that they had two possible new members to the local SACRE. Further discussion to take place after the upcoming local SACRE meetings.

9 AOB

Agreed that the next meeting would be on Monday 22 March 2010.

ACTION:

Judith to send Georgina the Annual Report template, although it was emphasised that it was not a statutory requirement to use it.

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