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MEETING	STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)
DATE	Monday, 23rd November 2015 4.00 pm
VENUE	CONFERENCE ROOM 4 - CIVIC CENTRE
ENQUIRIES	SUE LAWRENCE 023 8083 3569 Email: susan.lawrence@southampton.gov.uk
MEMBERS	SEE ATTACHED LIST

A G E N D A

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

To receive any apologies and changes to membership.

2. **STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2015, attached.

5. **FUNDING BIDS**

Verbal update from Alison Philpott with particular regard to the grant application to Culham St Gabriel's.

6. **ACTION PLAN** (Pages 5 - 12)

To consider the draft Action Plan for Southampton SACRE as produced by the working group, and to allocate roles and responsibilities, attached.

7. **FEEDBACK ON EVENTS**

To receive feedback and updates from members of the SACRE on any events or training attended.

8. FEEDBACK FROM ADVICE DOCUMENT WORKING GROUP

Verbal update from the Advice Document working group regarding the consultation and resulting draft document for schools for discussion and comment from members.

9. FEEDBACK FROM MONITORING WORKING GROUP

Standing agenda item – verbal update on school visits undertaken to monitor practice regarding RE and collective worship.

10. AGREED SYLLABUS WORKING GROUP

Verbal update on the review of the Agreed Syllabus.

11. OFSTED UPDATE

Verbal update from Alison Philpott regarding school inspections in the City this academic year.

12. PLACES OF WORSHIP

Contributions are invited from members to update the record held on Places of Worship in the City.

13. RE ATTAINMENT IN SCHOOLS

Verbal update from Alison Philpott regarding RE GCSE results for schools in the City.

14. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

To agree dates for future meetings.

Friday, 13 November 2015

HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MEMBERSHIP

GROUP A

Christian Denominations*

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

The Roman Catholic Church	VACANCY
The Baptists	VACANCY
The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	VACANCY
The Greek Orthodox Church	VACANCY
The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches	Margaret Blake
The Methodist Church	VACANCY
The United Reformed Church	Susanne Dawson
The Assemblies of God	Neil Maddock
The Salvation Army	VACANCY

Other Religions

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

Baha'i	Elizabeth Jenkerson
Buddhist	David Vane
Hindu	Priti Dave
Jewish	VACANCY
Muslim	Anas Al-Korj
Sikh	Harmeet Singh Brar

GROUP B

(Four representatives of the Church of England)

The Church of England

Rev Duncan Jennings
Allan King

From diocesan education team:

Rev Jeff Williams OR Joyce Johnson
Richard Wharton

GROUP C

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

National Union of Teachers (NUT)	Jackie Meering
The National Association of Schoolmasters/ Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT)	David Parrott
Voice	Dr R Palmer
The Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL)	Julian Waterfield
Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL)	VACANCY
National Association of Headteachers (NAHT)	VACANCY

GROUP D

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

Councillor Edward Daunt
Councillor Satvir Kaur
Councillor Brian Parnell
Councillor Warwick Payne

GROUP D SUBSTITUTE

Mrs. K. Martin

OTHERS (Non-voting)

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

South Hampshire Humanists	Liz Mizon
Southampton City Mission	Chris Davis

ASC Group

Claire Belli (Springwell Special School)
Suzanne Underwood (Bitterne Park Secondary School)
Susanna Woodman (Sholing Infants School)

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2015

Present:

Group A – Christian Denominations

None

Group A - Other Religions

Elizabeth Jenkerson, Harmeet Singh Brar, David Vane

Group B – Church of England

Rev Duncan Jennings, Richard Wharton

Group C - Teachers

Jackie Meering, David Parrott, Julian Waterfield

Group D - Members of the Council

Councillors Edward Daunt, Satvir Kaur, Brian Parnell,

Co-optees

Chris Davis, Suzanne Underwood

Also in attendance:

Alison Philpott – Professional Advisor

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

Apologies were received from:

Group A - Anas Al-korj, Margaret Blake, Priti Dave, Suzanne Dawson

Group B - Allan King, Rev Jeff Williams

Group D - Councillor Warwick Payne, Kate Martin

Co-optees - Liz Mizon

It was noted that Councillor Kaur had been appointed to the SACRE following the resignation of Councillor Denness.

The Chair thanked those present for attending and reminded members of the importance of ensuring meetings were quorate and thus able to make decisions.

10. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

RESOLVED that Councillor Daunt be appointed as Vice-Chair for the remainder of the municipal year.

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2015 be agreed as a correct record.

12. **ANNUAL REPORT**

It was noted that the Annual Report for August 2014-July 2015, having been approved subject to amendments at the previous meeting, had been circulated to NASACRE and the relevant statutory bodies.

13. **SACRE ACTION PLAN**

The SACRE considered the development of an Action Plan for future SACRE activity.

It was suggested that there be a focus of three to five priorities in the Plan which would include the Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC) / Review and Monitoring of collective worship (CW) and teaching of Religious Education (RE) in schools.

Members also agreed that the 'Increasing Respect of Difference' film / roadshow project should form one of the priorities.

As a point of information, it was reported that the application for funding to the Westhill / NASACRE Award scheme had been unsuccessful and that feedback on the application, whilst requested, had not yet been received.

The SACRE agreed that a further funding bid to Culham St Gabriel's (<http://www.cstg.org.uk/about-us/>) be made with a view to achieving funding for the project.

The SACRE was keen to have sufficient funding in place for development work with schools to maximise the opportunities for engagement and support for schools (evidenced as being needed in review) when following the ASC and resulting changes to the Agreed Syllabus.

The importance of networking opportunities within RE was noted – including development and information exchange. There was discussion around the possible development of a SACRE webpage / newsletter for schools.

The SACRE agreed that a working group was needed to give adequate consideration to the proposals for the Action Plan raised during discussion and to formally populate the draft Plan.

Membership of the Action Plan Group was confirmed as: Chris Davis, Jackie Meering, Alison Philpott, Richard Wharton and David Vane (particularly with regard to media support and SCOF links).

RESOLVED

- (i) That a working group be established to take proposals regarding the draft Action Plan forward; and
- (ii) That the formalised Action Plan be brought back for approval to the SACRE at the November meeting.

14. **VISITS TO SCHOOLS**

Alison Philpott and members of the working group gave a verbal update to the SACRE on the progress of visits undertaken to monitor collective worship and RE teaching in schools in the City.

It was reported that two school visits had been completed - to one primary and one secondary school. Alison Philpott suggested a target of around 8-10 school visits in the academic year but it was recognised that the size of the Monitoring Group would dictate the number of visits that could be undertaken – more volunteers were needed.

As previously agreed by the SACRE and incorporated into the protocol for school visits, the working group had sight of the reports but individual schools would not be named in the main SACRE meetings.

It was reported that:

- daily collective worship (CW) had been a challenge for both schools mainly due to accommodation issues. It was expected that this would prove to be an issue for many schools. The working group would be working with the schools on how this statutory requirement could be met.
- Neither school had had requests for removal from CW.
- Both schools had provided a good range of evidence and panel of children for interview.
- Both had provided good examples of student led reflection and been strong on universal values work. It was recognised that as the schools had put themselves forward for the pilot visits they were unlikely to be examples of bad practise. However, the working group had been heartened by the results.
- More visits were expected to materialise from the head teachers' meeting later in the week (16th October) and there were three requests already in the pipeline.

Key points from the subsequent discussion included:

- In response to the question as to how many schools offered RE – it was noted that 30% of respondents to the Audit did so which was considered quite a high proportion
- It was acknowledged that RE was not always designated as such by name so the offer could in fact be higher
- Whether the SACRE should attempt to monitor academies – it was confirmed that academies had been included in the invitations for monitoring, some academies did use the Agreed Syllabus which was an additional reason for such a visit and it was reiterated that the SACRE's responsibility was for all children in the City
- Regarding performance information, it was noted that GCSE results would be available for the next meeting and suggested that the results be used as an indicator for monitoring visits and also that monitoring visits could possibly also address academic performance.

The process for monitoring was outlined as: observation of Collective Worship and an RE class; interviewing a panel of students, providing feedback to the Headteacher / Head of RE.

Membership of the Monitoring Group was confirmed as: Elizabeth Jenkerson, Reverend Jennings, Kate Martin, Jackie Meering, Councillor Parnell, Harmeet Singh-Brar and Julian Waterfield.

15. **AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE**

A brief verbal update on the progress of the review of the locally Agreed Syllabus was provided.

It was reported that a second review meeting had been held and that the writing group would thus proceed with a view to the revised syllabus being available for presentation to schools in line with the schedule for the launch and its presentation.

16. **FEEDBACK ON EVENTS**

The South East England Faith Forum Conference on 3rd September regarding “The Role of Faith in British Schools/Education” had been attended by Alison Philpott, Chris Davis, Elizabeth Jenkerson and Richard Wharton.

It was reported that the conference had considered the potential substantial changes in RE in schools as indicated in the Charles Clarke and Linda Woodhead report “A New Settlement: Religion and Belief in Schools” (per previous minutes). NB: These are just proposals - not out for consultation.

<http://www.reonline.org.uk/news/a-new-settlement-religion-and-belief-in-schools/>

Workshops at the conference had included topics such as: Faith Schools, The Role of SACREs; RE in multi-faith schools; the role of school governors and RE; preventing radicalisation in schools, and Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development (SMSC).

17. **DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on 23rd November 2015 at 4pm in the Civic Centre.

Any suggestions regarding agenda items to be sent to Alison Philpott for 9th November.

	November 2015	December 2015	January to March 2016	April to May 2016	June-August 2016	September –October 2016	November 2016-January 2017	Feb-March 2017	Success criteria
Advice document for schools	Feedback collated and reported back to working group – draft put together	Legal services review draft document and report back to AP	Advice document 1 available for schools				Gain feedback from schools and faith groups re usage and usefulness	Review advice document and reflect any changes – to legal – to schools	Advice to schools by February 2016 Reviewed and updated January 2017
Lead person Alison Philpott									

	November 2015	December 2015	January to August 2016	September –October 2016	November 2016- January 2017	Feb-March 2017	Success criteria
Film project	Agree themes/key messages to be conveyed at SACRE Nov 15 And scope depending on funding outcome and AP meeting with Solent	Agree people involved (Solent Uni, plus...and timeline for project		Initial launch film/s available for launch with New LA Syllabus and hosted on website for schools	All films completed and available for school online	Monitor hits/downloads Evaluate project	Series of films showing young persons experience of living religious and non religious life in 2015 available for use together with Liv difference
Lead person							

	November 2015	December 2015	January to March 2016	April to May 2016	June-August 2016	September 2016- March 2017 at least ...			Success criteria
Roadshow	Agree scope depending upon funding application outcome		Planning roadshow content	Set up pilot week or delivery method and address needs of this resource wise	Pilot roadshow – June-July	Launch roadshow (include with LA Syllabus) and begin delivery (and competition)- delivery may go beyond			Roadshow “Increasing respect of difference” Has been delivered to identified number of schools and reached agreed target of adults /pupils/schools Track available data to see if impact can be seen through reduction in crime or PCSO recorded incidents
Lead person Chris Davies									
	November 2015	December 2015	January to March 2016	April to May 2016	June-August	September –October	November 2016-	Feb-March 2017	Success criteria

					2016	2016	January 2017		
Locally agreed Syllabus (+resources to support)									
LEAD PERSON Syllabus review – Alison Philpott Suzie (BP) Sussanah (SI) Claire (SS) JM and EH SACRE	Already – soton consult sum 2015, 2 meets for ASC – July and Sept	1 day writing group session	1 day writing group session	1 day writing group session	1 day review group session	LAUNCH OF NEW SYLLABUS – if agreed by SACRE at September meeting Training for new syllabus delivery offered	Training for new syllabus delivery offered		New Locally Agreed Syllabus available for introduction from October 2016
LEAD PERSON – resources to support Richard Wharton				Lesson plans and exemplar lessons to support deliver of methodology prepared		Resources uploaded to school website to support new LASyllabus			Resources to support new syllabus available to schools, monitoring shows strong usage, feedback from training
	November 2015	December 2015	January to March 2016	April to May 2016	June-August 2016	September – October 2016	November 2016-January	Feb-March 2017	Success criteria

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Monitoring work	Mon group agree schools selection from inf and protocol	Meeting to agree method, understanding of observation doc	Monitoring occurring Review of monitoring – July/ August 2016 – amendments to protocol/method etc for Sept SACRE meeting						10 schools monitored by July 2016. Feedback from schools positive
Lead Person – Alison Philpott	HT invited to provide 3 possible dates and	AP to inform HTs of who will visit when			Review and report re year 1 of monitoring				Protocol reviewed and updated ready for 2016-17 monitoring
	November 2015	December 2015	January to March 2016	April to May 2016	June-August 2016	September – October 2016	November 2016-January 2017	Feb-March 2017	Success criteria
Website development	Identify requirements and costing		Bring template and info to March SACRE	Possible training for managing and uploading	Able to begin uploading resources to site	Site active for schools			
Lead person – ?									
	November 2015	December 2015	January to March 2016	April to May 2016	June-August 2016	September –October 2016	November 2016-January 2017	Feb-March 2017	Success criteria

Research – who is supporting schools locally?	Update to local places of worship doc	City Mission leading research to build Christian network of those supporting schools	Review success of City Mission research and outcome-determine if can be replicated with other faiths			List of people or places who support available for launch of new syllabus			Build a network of all supporting schools in particular in RE/ CW form all faiths-possible links on website
LEAD PERSON Chris Davies									
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