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MEETING **STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(SACRE)**

DATE **MONDAY, 25TH JANUARY 2016
4.00 pm**

VENUE **COMMITTEE ROOM 1 - CIVIC CENTRE**

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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 23rd November 2015, attached.

5. **ADVICE DOCUMENT**

To approve the draft Advice Document and recommend its circulation to all schools by the Local Authority (document to follow).

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

Main agenda item – active workshop session focussing on the SACRE's Action Plan, attached.

7. **FEEDBACK FROM MONITORING WORKING GROUP**

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

8. GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Discussion item on Government guidance protecting freedom of schools over religious education.

SACRE members are requested to update themselves prior to the meeting by following the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/faith-groups-back-move-to-protect-religious-education-freedom>

9. RE ATTAINMENT IN SCHOOLS

(Pages 13 - 16)

Verbal update from Alison Philpott regarding RE GCSE results for schools in the City, data document attached.

10. FEEDBACK ON EVENTS

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

11. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To agree dates for future meetings.

(NB Monday, 27th June 2016 was agreed at the previous meeting).

Friday, 15 January 2016

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	Chris Davis (Southampton City Mission)
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	Dr Gil Dekel
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. Kate Martin

OTHERS (Non-voting)

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

South Hampshire Humanists Mary Wallbank

OBSERVER – Sam Jordan

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 23 NOVEMBER 2015

Present:

Group A – Christian Denominations

Susanne Dawson - United Reformed Church

Group A – Other religions

Anas al-Korj – Muslim

Elizabeth Jenkerson – Baha'i

Group B – Church of England

Rev Duncan Jennings, Allan King, Richard Wharton

Group C – Teachers

Jackie Meering (Chair) - NUT

David Parrott - NASUWT

Group D – Members of the Council

Councillors Kaur (except Minute 21 – Action Plan) and Councillor Parnell

Also in attendance:

Alison Philpott – Professional Advisor

Sue Lawrence – Clerk to the SACRE

Others (Non-Voting)

Chris Davis (Southampton City Mission)

Suzanne Underwood (ASC Writing Group)

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

Apologies were received from:

Group A - Margaret Blake, Priti Dave

Group B - Richard Wharton

Group C - Julian Waterfield

Group D - Councillors Edward Daunt and Warwick Payne

It was noted that Liz Mizon had resigned from the SACRE due to ill-health. The Chair, on behalf of the SACRE, expressed thanks for Liz's past time and work for the SACRE.

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2015 be agreed as a correct record.

20. **FUNDING BIDS**

The SACRE received a verbal update from Alison Philpott with particular regard to the grant application to Culham St Gabriel's.

It was reported that the bid had been submitted on time and included funding for the 'Increasing Respect of Difference' film / roadshow project to tour Southampton schools outlined to and agreed by members at the previous meeting.

The limited feedback from the failed Westhill Award scheme bid had been used to advise this bid. No feedback or result had been received at this time.

Alison Philpott reported that a meeting had taken place with the Head of Film Studies at Solent University who had agreed to work on a series of short films without funding if necessary, with the aim of these being ready for around September next year. Further work on this would form part of the Action Plan.

21. **ACTION PLAN**

The SACRE considered the draft Action Plan for the Southampton SACRE with a view to the allocation of further roles and responsibilities and reviewing progress so far.

The draft plan consisted of seven main action headings with a lead person for each. Some of these lead roles had still to be allocated and were agreed at the meeting. The SACRE considered the actions in greater detail with an update on progress provided under each working sub-group heading where available – the draft Advice Document, Film Project etc.

With regard to the Film Project – it was reported that a meeting had taken place with the Head of Film Studies at Solent University who had offered to work on a series of short films, without funding if necessary, with the aim of these being ready for around summer next year with a launch alongside the Agreed Syllabus and the Roadshow previously discussed by the SACRE. There was the potential for seven short (15-20 minute) films. In order to facilitate the film production it would be necessary to work on the brief as soon as possible. Following discussion, it was proposed that:

- the films be pitched at the different school levels
- each film be a standalone resource for the Roadshow / Collective Worship / RE lesson
- the films support the Agreed Syllabus – particularly with regard to Respect of Difference and a message of hope for each religion which was suggested as a possible theme for one of the films
- a working group led by Chris Davis work on the Roadshow and Film Project and that all SACRE members be invited to join the group via email – this would then include members unable to attend the main meeting who might be interested in contributing.

It was agreed that there be a preliminary brainstorming session / meeting of the Roadshow working group on 17th December at Highfield Junior School.

With regard to development of the SACRE web site – Alison would liaise with David Vane to progress with a view to it including the Agreed Syllabus and other resources

and links. At the meeting with Solent University it had been suggested that a U-Tube Channel might also be possible.

It was agreed that the Action Plan and working groups be given further consideration at the next meeting in January and that an email inviting wider participation from the SACRE be invited.

The main meeting was followed by a brief meeting of the Monitoring Working Group where further dates for school visits were agreed.

22. **FEEDBACK ON EVENTS**

The SACRE received feedback and updates from members of the SACRE on events or training attended.

Elizabeth Jenkerson had attended the recent meeting of the RE Council.

23. **FEEDBACK FROM ADVICE DOCUMENT WORKING GROUP**

The SACRE received a verbal update regarding the progress on the development of an advice document from SACRE to advise the LA regarding issues that schools may face with incidents/questions/concerns linked to faith and / or cultural issues.

It was reported that the group had met twice so far (on 2 October and 6 November) and that membership, other than the main SACRE faith groups (Jackie Meering, Anas al Korj, Priti Dave, Elizabeth Jenkerson, Allan King, Harmeet Singh-Brar, David Vane, Julian Waterfield) was led by Alison Philpott – Professional Advisor to SACRE and included representatives from SCC Pupil Services, the ASC Writing Group and schools.

The SACRE was informed that a productive consultation had been carried out involving faith groups and schools in the City, including through Southampton Council of Faiths. However, the Muslim Council of Southampton had requested an extension to the time for responses to enable a wider consultation with Muslim groups which was being given in order to ensure increase the opportunity for a wider range of feedback and hopefully greater commitment to the document and its concept.

A draft document and the feedback received had been passed to SCC, Corporate Legal Services for comment. Further feedback was invited to be sent direct to Alison for consideration at the next meeting of the group which had been agreed for 10 December at St Anne's School, where the advice would be further developed following the legal and other feedback received. It was hoped that a final version would be ready to present to the Local Authority in February next year.

24. **FEEDBACK FROM MONITORING WORKING GROUP**

Alison Philpott provided a verbal update on school visits undertaken by the sub-group to monitor practice regarding RE and collective worship in schools in the City.

A schedule of visits had been agreed but this would be further facilitated by increasing the membership for the sub-group. Anyone interested was invited to contact Alison direct.

ID cards had been arranged for the group to present when on a school visit – it was anticipated that two members of the group would join with Alison on each visit.

It was reported that whilst academies had been contacted none of them had responded – however as the visits increased it was hoped that they would become valued and thus take-up would increase.

Further updates would be provided at future meetings of the SACRE.

25. **AGREED SYLLABUS WORKING GROUP**

There was little to report on for this item regarding the review of the Agreed Syllabus for Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton, (and possibly the Isle of Wight) other than that three writing days which formed part of the series of Review Group and Writing Group meetings were upcoming.

26. **OFSTED UPDATE**

The SACRE were informed by Alison Philpott that there has been just one Ofsted report to date of which detail was not currently in the public domain. It was not known therefore whether RE / Collective Worship specifically featured in it.

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to a future meeting.

27. **PLACES OF WORSHIP**

A copy of the record of Places of Worship in the City was circulated to members at the meeting for their consideration and for updating purposes. It was reiterated that updated information could be sent to the Clerk to the SACRE at any time. The list was available for schools or any other interested party.

28. **RE ATTAINMENT IN SCHOOLS**

Due to lack of information available an update regarding RE GCSE results for schools in the City was not available.

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to a future meeting.

29. **DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Clerk reported that SACRE members had been canvassed again regarding preferred days of the week and time for the meetings. The preference for the great majority of members remained for Mondays at 4pm and following discussion it was agreed to keep with this practice for future dates.

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on 25th January 2016 at 4pm in the Civic Centre.

It was also agreed that a meeting be held at the end of June (subsequently arranged for Monday 27th June).

	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 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

							2017		
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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RE data overview 2011-2015

	GCSE full course (%)							GCSE short course (%)							AS Level (%)			
	National			Southampton				National			Southampton				Nat		Soton	
	A+	C+	G+	A+	C+	G+		A+	C+	G+	A+	C+	G+		A-B	A-E	A-B	A-E
2011	28.9	71.6	98.3	20.4	63.1	98.9												
2012	29.1	72.1	98.4	36.2	72.1	99.3												
2013	28.8	72.1	98.4	30.7	71.7	98.5					43.0	86.9	41.3	98.5				
2014	27.9	70.0	97.9	23.7	62.8	96.5				10.8	46.4	89.6						
2015	29.7	71.9	97.9	30.4	67.2	98.1												

Entries comparison

	GCSE Full course			GCSE short course		
	National	Southampton		National	Southampton	
2011	181,094 (31.6%)	534 (26.1%)				
2012	195,722 (34.5%)	420 (21.7%)				
2013	211,870 (36.7%)	539 (26%)			428 (20%)	
2014	241,442 (42.7%)	789 (40.1%)			386 (20%)	
2015	269,284 (44.0%)	756 (39.6%)				

Previous style measure A*-C and A*-G

	GCSE full course (%)			
	National		Southampton	
	A*-C	A*-G	A*-C	A*-G
2013	72.1	98.4	71.8	98.5
2014	70.1	97.9	62.5	96.5
2015 (All schools)	71.9	97.9	67.1	98.1

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