

AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2009
AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT:

Group A Members

Bridget Goom

Peter Howard

The Assemblies of God

Rev David Turner

The Baptists

Group B Members

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

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. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:-

Group A

Rev David Sillince

David Vane – Buddhist representative

Priti Dave – Hindu representative

Jeff Lynn – Baha’l representative

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

Sian Roberts

2. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED that in the absence of the Chair of the Agreed Syllabus Conference, Councillor Daunt be appointed Chair for this meeting.

COUNCILLOR DAUNT IN THE CHAIR

3. **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).

4. **REVIEW OF THE AGREED SYLLABUS**

Members considered the report of the Secondary Phase Inspector regarding the issues discussed at, and arising from, the Agreed Syllabus Review meeting held on 2 October 2009.

Members expressed concern that, since Southampton had only been allowed one representative on the Agreed Syllabus writing group, the opportunity for any meaningful input to the process from Southampton SACRE would be limited.

Members felt that the timing of the meetings of the writing group and Southampton SACRE meetings would further exacerbate the problem, as this would not give any opportunity for members either to receive feedback from their representative, or to give their views to her, for consideration at the next stage of the process.

Discussion followed regarding measures that could be explored to ensure that the widest spectrum of views was represented.

RESOLVED that the possibility of an Extraordinary Meeting of SACRE, timed to allow members to contribute effectively at a significant stage in the development of the Agreed Syllabus, be explored.