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MEETING	(SACRE) STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
DATE	Monday, 18th October, 2010 AT 4.00 pm
VENUE	UPPER SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL
SACRE CLERK	KATE SIMONDS 023 8083 2413 Email: kate.simonds@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 in panel membership if required.

2. STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members are invited to declare any prior participation or conflict of interest in relation to items on the agenda.

In addition, members are asked to complete the "Notification of Personal Interests" form, attached.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2010, attached.

5. MEMBERSHIP OF SACRE

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

6. MATTERS RELATING TO TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP

To discuss various issues relating to the committee's terms of reference and the SACRE's membership, including:

- Code of Conduct
- Updating information regarding appointment to SACRE (4 years)
- Humanism:-

A discussion will take place in relation to the grouping and voting rights of Humanism within SACRE followed by a formal vote.

7. FEEDBACK FROM EVENTS FROM INDIVIDUAL FAITH GROUPS

To receive verbal updates from various members of the SACRE regarding feedback from events from individual faith groups.

NOTE: It is requested that members contact the Clerk to the SACRE in advance of the meeting if any additional documentation is required that will support their feedback that they wish to raise under this item.

8. INITIAL FINDINGS OF THE AUDIT OF RE TEACHING IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

To receive a verbal update from Sian Roberts, Advanced Skills Teacher (AST) regarding initial findings of the audit of RE teaching in secondary schools in capacity of AST.

9. DATES AND VENUES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note the dates for future SACRE meetings as follows:

- Monday 7 March 2011
- Monday 13 June 2011

Venues to be confirmed.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To address any other business which may arise at the meeting:

Friday, 8 October 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	Margaret Blake
The Methodist Church	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 (VICE-CHAIR)
Hindu	Priti Dave
Jewish	Ms Mag Kushner
Muslim	Anas Al-Korj
Sikh	Bharpoor Singh

GROUP B

(Four representatives of the Church of England)

The Church of England

Tony Blackshaw
Anne Steele-Arnett
Vacancy
Vacancy

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)	Mr D Parrott
Voice	Mr R Palmer
The Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL)	Julian Bryant
Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL)	Ruth Evans
National Association of Headteachers (NAHT)	Ellen Humphries

GROUP D

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

Southampton City Council

Councillor Edward Daunt (CHAIR)

Councillor Carol Cunio

Councillor Brian Parnell

Councillor Peter Marsh-Jenks

GROUP D SUBSTITUTE

Mrs. K. Martin

OTHERS (Non-voting)

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

South Hampshire Humanists	Ms. Chris Robinson
Primary School RE Teacher	Anna Adams
Representative of Teachers' Subject Network/Aspirant Advanced Skills Teacher (RE)	Sian Roberts

OBSERVERS

Central Baptist Church	Rev. David Masters
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Notification by member of a local authority of personal interest

I, *(full name)*

a Member of *(authority)*

Southampton's Standing Advisory Council for Religious
Education (SACRE), Southampton City Council

GIVE NOTICE that I have the following personal interests (please state "none" where appropriate)

- (a) I am a member or in a position of general control or management of the following body/ies to which I have been appointed or nominated by the authority.

- (b) I am a member or in a position of general control or management of the following body/ies exercising functions of a public nature.

- (c) I am a member or in position of general control or management of the following body/ies directed to charitable purposes.

- (d) I am a member or in a position of general control or management of the following body/ies one of whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy*.

- (e) [My Employment] [Business carried on by me] *(delete whichever does not apply)*.

- (f) Name of [person] [body] who [employs] [has appointed] me.

- (g) Name of person(s) or body/ies (other than a relevant authority) who has/have made a payment to me in respect of my election or any expenses incurred by me in carrying out my duties.

* Including any political party or trade union.

- (h) Name(s) of any person(s) or body/ies having a place of business or land in the authority's area, and in which I have a beneficial interest in a class of securities of that person(s) or body/ies that exceeds the nominal value of £25,000, or one hundredth of the total issued share capital (whichever is lower).

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- (i) Description of any contract for goods, services or works made between the authority and myself or a firm in which I am a partner, a company of which I am a remunerated director, or a person or body of the description specified in (h) above.

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- (j) Details of the interests of any person from whom I have received a gift of hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25.

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- (k) Address or other description (sufficient to identify location) of any land in the authority's area in which I have a beneficial interest.

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- (l) Address or other description (sufficient to identify location) of any land where the landlord is the authority and I am, or a firm in which I am a partner, a company of which I am a remunerated director, or a person or body of the description specified in (h) above is, a tenant.

- (m) Address or other description (sufficient to identify the location) of any land in the authority's area for which I have a licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy for 28 days or longer.

Date

Signed

NOTE – A member must within 28 days of becoming aware of any new personal interest or change to any personal interest specified above, register details of that new personal interest or change by providing written notification to the authority's monitoring officer (form LGA 3 may be used for this purpose).

(SACRE) STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 June 2010, 4pm
AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

Present:

Members of the Council

Daunt and Parnell

Independent Members

Anas al-Korj, Tony Blackshaw, Mrs Margaret Blake, Ruth Evans, Bridget Goom, Ellen Humphries, Jeff Lynn, Jackie Meering, David Parrott, Priti Dave, Mrs Gail Ratcliffe, Sian Roberts, Bharpoor Singh, Rev David Turner, David Vane and Lilian Weatherley

Apologies

Peter Howard, Kate Martin and Anne Steele-Arnett

Also in attendance:

Sue Langdon and Kate Simonds, SCC

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

RESOLVED that Councillor Daunt be appointed Chair for the 2010/11 Municipal Year and that David Vane, Buddhist (Group A member) be appointed Vice-Chair for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year.

2. **WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND CHANGES OF MEMBERSHIP**
COUNCILLOR DAUNT IN THE CHAIR

ACTION

The newly elected Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting.

At the invitation of the Chair, a moment of reflection was provided at the start of the meeting by the Baha'i representative, Jeff Lynn.

Rev David Turner asked that Rev Geoff Annas be congratulated for his new appointment as Bishop of Stafford and that he be thanked for his contribution to the SACRE. **ED**

Apologies were received from:-

Group A

Peter Howard The Assemblies of God

Group B

Anne Steele- The Church of England
Arnett

Group D

Mrs. K. Martin Southampton City Council (substitute)

3. **STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

In accordance with the accepted practise, a statement was made by the Chair. The Chair went on to congratulate Sian Roberts on becoming an AST (Advanced Skills Teacher) and Sian thanked the SACRE for their support.

4. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chair advised that there may be a need to pursue legal training for members in relation to declarations of interest in the future.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2010 be approved as a correct record. (Copy of the minutes circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

6. **ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

It was noted that the issue of Humanism needed to be clarified and that this would come to a future meeting.

ACTION

**ED, SL
and/or
KS**

RESOLVED that the proposed amendments to the SACRE constitution be agreed and that the Constitution be updated.

KS

7. **MEMBERSHIP OF SACRE**

ACTION

Changes to the SACRE membership were noted as follows:-

- that there was still a vacancy for the United Reformed Church in Group A.
- that Rev Canon Geoff Annas' departure left a vacancy for Group B, Church of England.
- that Councillor Damani's departure left a vacancy for Group D.

It was noted that Tony Blackshaw would inform the Chair when Rev Geoff Annas was to step down.

TB

Councillor Parnell asked that Councillor Damani be thanked for her invaluable contribution to the SACRE.

ED

8. **FEEDBACK FROM EVENTS FROM INDIVIDUAL FAITH GROUPS**

ACTION

The SACRE received and noted verbal updates from various members on the following events:-

Youth Peace Walk

- David Vane gave an update on the recent youth peace walk that had taken place. He reported that a youth interface co-ordinator had been appointed and that the group would aim to find more funding.

King James Bible – 400th Anniversary

- Tony Blackshaw explained that this year marked the 400th year of the King James Bible.

Church of England – 200th Anniversary of mass education

- Tony Blackshaw also stated that in 2011, the National Society would celebrate its 200th anniversary marking two hundred years since the effective birth of mass education in England and Wales.

Funding

- Lilian Weatherley noted that the RE Council had received REsilience funding (support for subject leaders).

Muslim Awareness Week

- Anas al-Korj noted the success of the Muslim Awareness Week which had happened earlier in the year.

The Chair thanked members for their comments and asked that, in future, **ALL** they bring any items under this heading to the SACRE clerk or himself before the meeting.

9. **DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

ACTION

The Chair outlined the background, purpose and structure of the Development Plan. He explained that the Plan was split into five sections and reported the following:-

Dimension 1: Standards And Quality Of Provision Of RE

- 1a) Compliance and Time allocation for RE – reported as DEVELOPING.
- 1b) Public examination entries in RE – reported as ESTABLISHED.
- 1c) Standards and achievement: including standards at the end of Key Stages 1, 2 and 3, GCSE, AS and A2 level – reported as DEVELOPING.
- 1d) Quality of teaching – reported as ESTABLISHED
- 1e) Quality of Leadership and Management – reported as DEVELOPING.
- 1f) Recruitment and retention issues. Level of specialist provision – reported as DEVELOPING.
- 1g) Resources – reported as DEVELOPING.

Dimension 2: Management of SACRE and partnership with the LA and other key stakeholders

- 2a) SACRE meetings – reported as DEVELOPING.
- 2b) Membership and training – reported as DEVELOPING.

- 2c) Improvement/developing planning – reported as DEVELOPING.
- 2d) Professional and Financial Support – reported as ESTABLISHED.
- 2e) Information and advice – reported as DEVELOPING.
- 2f) Partnerships with other key stakeholders (for example pupils, parents, ASTs, specialist schools, ITT providers, local religious organisations and groups, Commission for Radical Equality) – DEVELOPING.

Dimension 3: The effectiveness of the local Agreed Syllabus

- The Chair noted that the assessment of Dimension 3 would be postponed until a later date.
- Lilian Weatherley noted that in relation to dimension 3b (Using the National Framework for Religious Education), Hampshire, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight did not follow the National Framework and that Southampton used the agreed syllabus. Therefore, she questioned whether dimension 3b was needed.
- Jackie Meering noted that dimension 3d (Consultation/Launch /Implementation of the Agreed Syllabus) was needed, i.e. that a launch of the Agreed Syllabus would assist promotion and understanding.

Dimension 4: Collective Worship

4a) Practise and Provision for collective worship – reported as DEVELOPING.

4b) Monitoring the provision of collective worship and tackling issues of non-compliance – reported as DEVELOPING.

- The Chair noted that he would speak to the Executive Director of Children's Services and Learning and the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning regarding collective worship and what was going on in schools, with the possibility of either/or addressing a future SACRE meeting.
- There was a brief discussion about engaging with schools and faith groups and the role SACRE played in this. Whilst the structure was considered to be functional, SACRE was seen to be out of kilter with the change of pace of the constantly changing environment.
- The Secondary Phase Inspector noted that, since there was currently lots of uncertainty with regard to the recent changes in Government and the potential impact these may have, the priority would be to support teachers in what they could achieve now.

ED

Dimension 5: Contribution of SACRE to community cohesion

5a) Representative nurture of the SACRE – reported as ADVANCED.

5b) Knowledge and understanding of the local religious, cultural and ethnic community – reported as ESTABLISHED.

5c) Understanding the intrinsic contribution which RE can make to social

and racial harmony – reported as DEVELOPING.

5d) Links to local authority initiatives promoting social and racial harmony – reported as DEVELOPING.

Sian Roberts asked the Chair if the SACRE were going to continue investigating the use of a briefer, more user-friendly SEF (Self Evaluation Form).

Sian Roberts and Jackie Meering noted that face-to-face dialogue would be most effective in talking to schools and that Sian would include this in her AST time.

SR

The Chair confirmed that the role of the working group was complete for now, but that it may lead on dimension 5 in the future.

The Secondary Phase Inspector noted that it would be helpful to assign Local Authority Officers to support members of the SACRE who were to address particular dimensions.

**SL and
ED**

RESOLVED that:-

- Lilian Weatherley would email Sian Roberts a copy of the related national document and copy in the Chair and the Secondary Phase Inspector.
- Sian Roberts would produce a draft SEF form which would then go to the Executive Director of Children's Services and Learning and the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning, to potentially be used to talk to school Head teachers.
- Ruth Evans would feedback from the relevant Conference.

LW

**SR and
ED**

10. **DATES AND VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS 2010-2011**

ACTION

Jackie Meering asked that there could be an organised launch of the new Agreed Syllabus when agreed.

RESOLVED that:-

- the proposed dates for future SACRE meetings be agreed.
- the Chair and Vice-Chair would agree who was to attend the next Local Network Meeting (joint meeting with Winchester).
- the next SACRE meeting would be held at Upper Shirley High School, if agreed by the Head teacher and that the venue of future meetings would be considered at a later date.

ALL

**ED and
DV**

**SR and
KS**

11. **VISIT TO SCHOOL BY GAIL RATCLIFFE**

ACTION

Gail Ratcliffe reported back from her visit to Fairisle Junior school. She asked if other SACRE members had had the chance to go and observe in a school as she had found it very useful.

The Chair noted that the SACRE needed to be proactive in its formation of relationships with schools through the correct channels.

The possibility of school visits coinciding with Interfaith Week was discussed so that related activities could be observed by SACRE members.

The promotion of SACRE at schools and across the City was discussed with the possibility of having an article in City View to help raise the SACRE's profile.

RESOLVED that:-

- the Chair would approach the issue of SACRE visits to schools with the Executive Director of Children's Services and Learning and the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning.

ED

12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was not further business to discuss.

Declaration of Acceptance of Code of Conduct
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)

I ,
(full name of member)

having been appointed as a Member of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education UNDERTAKE to observe the Code as to the Conduct which is expected of Members of Southampton City Council.

Date:

Signature
(Member)

This declaration was made and subscribed before

Signature
(Democratic Support Officer)

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