

Time commenced – 7.15pm
Time finished – 8.34pm

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 12 MARCH 2013

Present:

Group A – Christianity and Other World Faiths

Maryam Djavid	Bahai Faith
Raj Bali	Hindhu Faith
Phil Royle	Methodist Church
Joan Price	Pentecostal Church
Lucy Care	Religious Society of Friends
Wendy Jordan	Salvation Army
Mair Bradley	United Reformed Church
Ruth Dolby	Jewish Faith

Group B – Church of England

Alison Brown
Maxine Bull

Group C – Teachers' Associations

Kate McRae	NAHT
Ash Venkatesh	ASCL

Group D – Local Education Authority

Councillors Campbell, Turner, Whitby and Wood

Co-opted Members

Laura Connolly	The Open Centre
Peter Harvey	British Humanist Association

38/12 Introductions

Members introduced themselves to the new RE adviser to the SACRE, Alan Stubbersfield, Interim Head of Quality, Performance and Standards.

39/12 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Rev Roy Ninkovic, Aslam Siddiqi, Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon, Rosemary Wibberley, Viv Lawrence, Councillor F Winter and Dr Phil Henry.

40/12 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

41/12 Declarations of Interest

Ash Venkatesh declared an interest in 48/12 as the Headteacher of Littleover Community School and would not take part in the decision.

42/12 Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

43/12 SACRE Membership and Vacancies

The Constitutional Services Officer updated Members on the SACRE membership and vacancies. It was reported that reminder letters would be sent out to all those Members who had not confirmed whether or not they wanted to continue as a member of the SACRE.

The Chair read out a letter of resignation from Jane Oldershaw who had represented the Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) in Group C (Teachers' Associations).

Resolved to agree that the Constitutional Services Officer will send out a reminder letter to all Members who had not confirmed whether or not they wanted to continue as a member of the SACRE.

44/12 Open Centre 'Our Heritage' Exhibition

Members received a presentation from Laura Connolly on the Open Centre 'Our Heritage' project. It was reported that the Open Centre had secured Heritage Lottery funding for the project and that this would help the long term sustainability of the Open Centre. Members noted that the plan was to build one static exhibition and two mobile exhibitions. It was reported that the two mobile exhibitions could be hired by schools and organisations' and that one of them was to be piloted in the exhibition space on the second floor of the Council House.

Resolved to agree that the RE Adviser to the SACRE puts information about the Open Centre 'Our Heritage' project into the school circular.

45/12 SACRE Action Plan Update

Kate McCrea provided feedback on the school visits training session that took place at St Chad's School on 24 January 2013. It was reported that this was the second training session to have taken place in the 2012/13 municipal year and six Members of the SACRE attended.

To take SACRE school visits forward, Members agreed that an invite should go out in the school circular, to identify schools who wanted SACRE Members to visit.

Members also agreed that it would be useful to revisit the current SACRE Action Plan at the next meeting of the SACRE.

Resolved:

- 1. to agree that an invite to schools goes out in the school circular, to identify schools who wanted SACRE Members to visit; and**
- 2. to agree that the SACRE Action Plan be reviewed at the next meeting of the SACRE.**

46/12 All Party Parliamentary Group Update

The RE Adviser to the SACRE updated Members on the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on RE. It was reported that the APPG had carried out an investigation into the supply of and support for teachers of religious education. Members noted that the results of the enquiry were expected to have been published by the APPG but this had not happened. It was hoped that the report would be published soon and an update provided to a future meeting of the SACRE.

47/12 National Updates

Members considered the NASACRE AGM 2013, due to take place at the Council House in Birmingham on Thursday 23 May. Members felt that it would be good to have the national view and agreed that the RE Adviser to the SACRE should attend with one Member of the SACRE.

The RE Adviser to the SACRE reported that the locally agreed syllabus would soon need to be reviewed. It was further reported that the current syllabus ran from 2009 – 2014. It was agreed that the locally agreed syllabus be discussed at the next meeting of the SACRE.

Members noted that a national review of RE was currently underway and the results were expected in May 2013. It was reported that the former RE Adviser to the SACRE was the Chair of that national task group and that they were looking to revise the national guidance on RE for schools and SACRE's. Members agreed that the results of the review be brought to the next meeting of the SACRE.

Resolved:

- 1. to agree that the RE Adviser to the SACRE and one Member attend the NASACRE AGM 2013;**
- 2. to agree that the locally agreed syllabus be discussed at the next**

- meeting of the SACRE; and
3. to agree that the results of the national review of RE be brought to the next meeting of the SACRE.

48/12 Determinations

Members considered an application for a review of a determination (Section 394, Education Act 1996) received from Littleover Community School.

Members agreed to grant the application for a review of a determination.

Resolved:

1. to grant the application for a review of a determination received from Littleover Community School;
2. to agree that the RE Adviser to the SACRE provides the Headteacher of Littleover Community School with written notification of the decision, specifying the effective date for the purpose of review; and
3. to agree that the RE Adviser to the SACRE and the Constitutional Services Officer review the wording of the determination form and bring it back to the next meeting of the SACRE.

49/12 Future Meeting Dates

Members considered the following scheduled meeting dates that were agreed at the Council meeting held on 4 March 2013:

- Wednesday 19 June 2013
- Wednesday 23 October 2013
- Wednesday 26 February 2013

Resolved to agree that the October and February meeting dates be re-organised.

50/12 Any Other Business

The Chair updated Members on the recent refurbishment of the Council House.

The Chair also reported that the Mayor had invited Members to a reception at the Council House as a thank you for their work on the SACRE. It was further reported that the reception would take place on Tuesday 9 April at 6.00pm in the Jacob Rivers Room. The Constitutional Services Officer confirmed that Members would be contacted with further details.

Ruth Dolby reported that a Celebration of Judaism in Derby event was due to be held at the Multi Faith Centre on Monday 20 May 2013 7.00pm – 9.30pm. It was further reported that the event would involve the story of the Jewish people in Derby exhibition, story tellers, traditional folk music and dance, a traditional buffet and an ask the Rabbi Q&A. Members noted that all were welcome to attend the event.

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