

Time commenced – 6.05pm

Time finished – 6.45pm

## **STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**21 June 2022**

Present:

### **Group A – Christianity and Other World Faiths**

Judith Withers	Baptist Church
Eve Sacker	Jewish Faith
Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon	Sikh Faith

### **Group B – Church of England**

Zoe Higgins

### **Group C – Teachers' Associations**

Ian Birkin	NASUWT
Kieran Picken	NEU

### **Group D – Local Education Authority**

Councillor Wood  
Councillor Martin  
Councillor Kus  
Councillor Lonsdale

### **Co-opted Members**

Kate McRae – substitute for S Hussain (Open Centre)

In Attendance:

Steve Ford	Lead Officer to SACRE
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01/22      Appointment of Chair

**Resolved to appoint Councillor Lonsdale as Chair of Group D and Chair of SACRE.**

02/22      Appointment of the Chairs of Groups A, B and C

**Resolved to appoint Ian Birkin as Chair of Group C.**

**Appointment of the Chairs of Groups A and B deferred to the next meeting.**

## 03/22 Appointment of Vice Chair

**Appointment of the Vice Chair deferred to the next meeting.**

## 04/22 Apologies

Apologies were received from  
Group A – Raj Bali  
Group B – Rev Anita Matthews, Viv Lawrence  
Group C – Wendy Hardy

## 05/22 Late Items to be introduced by the Chair

There were none.

## 06/22 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

## 07/22 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 3 February 2022 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2022 were noted.

## 08/22 Ministerial Statement

The Lead Officer to SACRE reported on a NATRE paper relating to a Ministerial Statement.

It was reported that the statement was made by Robin Walker, Minister of State for School Standards and that it was issued on 9 November 2021 in response to a question asked by Kim Leadbeater, MP for Batley and Spen on RE.

Members noted that the question was as follows:

“To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment his department has made of the societal value for young people of religious education; and if he will make a statement.”

It was reported that in his response, Robin Walker talked about the good quality of RE and its significance in schools.

The statement was welcomed by SACRE.

Members noted that reference to this statement had been made in the

Derbyshire and Derby City SACRE Report 2022.

It was reported that a response had been made to the statement which highlighted that it was important that the contribution made by teachers was recognised and acknowledged. It was also reported that a reply was received to that response, stating that would certainly be the case

It was agreed that Derby City and Derbyshire SACRE should acknowledge the way in which schools in Derby City and Derbyshire had managed to retain a good quality of education in very challenging circumstances.

**Resolved to note the Ministerial Statement.**

## **09/22      St. Andrew's CE Junior School – SACRE Case Study**

The Lead Officer to SACRE presented a report on St. Andrew's CE Junior School – SACRE Case Study.

It was reported that St. Andrew's CE Junior School was located in Hadfield in the north of the county that it had had been inspected by Ofsted fairly recently and that Ofsted had graded their commitment to pupils personal development and pastoral care, driven by their Christian values, as Outstanding.

Members noted that the Lead Officer to SACRE thought it would be interesting to share their model. It was also noted that this was a counselling model and pupils were appointed as counsellors to work with other children and that they also had a curriculum that was based upon their Christian values and global goals.

SACRE commended the work and it was proposed that the report be circulated to all schools in Derby city and Derbyshire.

**Resolved to agree that the St. Andrew's CE Junior School – SACRE Case Study be circulated to all Derby city and Derbyshire schools.**

## **10/22      Short Report on Journey of Destiny and Destinies**

The Lead Officer to SACRE presented an Ava Hunt theatre short report on Journey of Destiny and Destinies.

It was reported that the paper related to a theatre performance about Syrian refugees that had been seen across both SACRE areas. It was also reported that funding for this project had now ceased. It was agreed that a way of highlighting the need for future funding of the project should be found.

The importance of this project was noted, especially in light of the current situation with Ukrainian refugees.

Kieran Picken (NEU) spoke about Derby being a City of Sanctuary and about the parallel programme Schools of Sanctuary, which was an award that schools could receive by showing the inclusive work that they were doing to ensure that refugees were welcome. The lead officer to SACRE reported that Crich Junior had become a school of Sanctuary. It was agreed that this was a timely reminder to everybody of the importance of this work.

**Resolved to note the report.**

## **11/22 Derby and Derbyshire Agreed Syllabus Launches**

The Lead Officer to SACRE presented a paper relating to the launch of the Derby and Derbyshire Agreed Syllabus 2020-2025 and a proposal for an RE Today led training programme for Derby and Derbyshire schools.

It was reported that SACRE was required to revise the RE syllabus every 5 years. It was also reported that in 2020, SACRE had decided to recruit RE Today to carry out that work.

Members noted that the syllabus was linked closely to the programmes of study and that this had been appreciated by schools.

It was reported that approximately 400 colleagues had attended training, both in person and virtually. It was also reported that feedback from colleagues had been sought and that approximately 95% of evaluations said that the training had been very good.

The Lead Officer outlined a proposal for a further training programme.

**Resolved to agree the proposed training programme.**

## **12/22 SACRE Membership, Resignations and Vacancies**

The Clerk reported that the following SACRE Member had chosen to resign since the last SACRE meeting:

### **Group C (Teachers' Associations)**

Martin Cain (ASCL)

The Clerk to SACRE reported that the following positions were currently vacant:

### **Group A (Christianity and Other World Faiths)**

Bahai Faith

Buddhist Faith

Salvation Army

Serbian Orthodox Church

**Group B (Church of England)**

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**Group C (Teachers' Associations)**

National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT)

Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL)

The Clerk to SACRE reported that nominations for these positions were being sought.

**Resolved to note that nominations for vacancies were being sought from members of SACRE.**

13/22      Derbyshire and Derby City SACRE's Report  
2022

The lead officer to SACRE introduced the Derbyshire and Derby City SACRE's Report 2022.

It was proposed that the report be circulated to all schools in Derby city and Derbyshire.

It was also proposed that members should read the report and pass any comments/concerns to the Clerk to SACRE and that once any required amendments had been made it would be circulated.

**Resolved that the Derbyshire and Derby City SACRE report 2022 be circulated to all schools in Derby city and Derbyshire, subject to SACRE members first being provided with an opportunity to make any comments on the document.**

14/22      Joint SACRE Development Day 4<sup>th</sup> July

The lead Officer to SACRE reported that a joint SACRE Development Day was due to be held at County Hall on Monday 4 July 2022.

Members noted that the first speaker at the event would be Ava Hunt.

It was also reported that Fiona Moss from RE Today had been invited to talk on the proposed work they wanted to carry out.

**Resolved to note the joint SACRE Development Day on Monday 4 July 2022.**

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