

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 6.30pm

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
26 January 2021

Present:

Group A – Christianity and Other World Faiths

Raj Bali	Hindhu Faith
Phil Royle	Methodist Church
Lucy Care	Religious Society of Friends
Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon	Sikh Faith
Errol Vassell	Pentecostal Church
Shepherd Paul Solie	Afro-Caribbean Council of Churches
Judith Willers	Baptist Church
Rachael Snowdon-Poole	Roman Catholic Church

Group B – Church of England

Viv Lawrence
Anita Matthews

Group C – Teachers' Associations

Chelle Byrne substituting for Kieren Picken (NEU)
Martin Cain (ASCL)
Wendy Hardy (NEU)
Melvin Harris (NASUWT)

Group D – Local Education Authority

Councillor Kus
Councillor Skelton
Councillor Wood

Co-opted Members

Samantha Hussain The Open Centre

In Attendance:

Steve Ford	Lead officer to SACRE
Dominic Monahan	Clerk to SACRE

09/20 Apologies

There were none.

10/20 Late Items to be introduced by the Chair

There were none.

11/20 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

12/20 Appointment of Chair for Group B

SACRE noted the appointment of Viv Lawrence as Chair of Group B.

13/20 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 29 September 2020 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2020 were noted.

14/20 SACRE Membership, Resignations and Vacancies

The SACRE noted that the following SACRE Member had resigned since the last SACRE meeting:

Alison Brown (Church of England)

The SACRE noted that the following individuals had been nominated by their nominating bodies for four-year terms beginning on 26 January 2021.

Group A (Christianity and Other World Faiths)

Superior Evangelist Paul Tunde Soile (Afro-Caribbean Council of Churches)

Judith Willers (Baptist Church)

Qazi Abdul Mateen (Islamic Faith)

Mohammed Khurshid (Islamic Faith)

Group B (Church of England)

Rev Anita Matthews

Zoe Higgins

Group C (Teachers' Associations)

Melvin Harris (NASUWT)

Martin Cain (ASCL)

The SACRE noted that the following SACRE positions were vacant.

Group A (Christianity and Other World Faiths)

Bahai Faith

Buddhist Faith
Salvation Army
Serbian Orthodox Church

Group B (Church of England)

Vacancy x1

Group C (Teachers' Associations)

National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT)

Resolved to agree that new Members who had been nominated by their nominating bodies would serve four-year terms on SACRE, beginning on 26 January 2021.

15/20 Any Other Business

The SACRE considered the following two questions which were put forward by the Jewish Faith representative.

1. What can we do to ensure RE is still being taught through online teaching, particularly at primary level?
2. What can we do to support teachers with producing online resources?

The Catholic Church representative informed the SACRE that local Catholic schools were still aiming to dedicate 10% of teaching time to RE.

The Open Centre representative informed the SACRE that the Open Centre was currently putting together a list of resources that could be used by teachers. The Clerk agreed to pass on any resources sent to them to the Learning and Skills Team who would distribute these materials in the local schools bulletin.

A NEU representative informed the SACRE that the unions would also be happy to circulate any resources with local schools.

16/20 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The date and time of the next meeting on 25 March at 6pm was noted. It was noted that this meeting would take place over Skype.

A NEU representative asked whether pre-meetings over Skype for each group could be set up for the next meeting. The Clerk confirmed that these pre-meetings would be set up.

MINUTES END