

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 7.27pm

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
28 February 2017

Present:

Group A – Christianity and Other World Faiths

Rev Philip Webb	Baptist Church
Lucy Care	Religious Society of Friends
Rev Roy Ninkovic	Serbian Orthodox Church
Mair Bradley	United Reformed Church
Eve Sacker	Jewish Faith
Qazi Abdul Mateen	Islamic Faith
Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon	Sikh Faith

Group B – Church of England

Viv Lawrence
Alison Brown

Group C – Teachers' Associations

Wendy Hardy	ATL
Kieran Picken	NUT

Group D – Local Education Authority

Councillors Graves, Turner, Wood

Co-opted Members

Sam Mitchell	The Open Centre
Kate McRae	The Open Centre

In Attendance:

Tamara Dale	Ridgeway Infant School
Steve Ford	Lead officer to SACRE
Steven Mason	Clerk to SACRE
Ruth Richardson	Multi-Faith Centre
Chris Tilley	Senior School Improvement Officer

41/16 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Raj Bali, Katie Lake, Phil Royle and Ranjit Singh Seehra.

42/16 Late items to be introduced by the Chair

There were none.

43/16 Ridgeway Infant School

Members received a presentation from Tamara Dale, Ridgeway Infant School, on experiences of teaching RE at the school.

Resolved to note the presentation.

44/16 Update on Understanding Christianity

Alison Brown provided SACRE with an update on the Understanding Christianity project. Members noted that the first cycle of training for schools had been completed and that 40 people had attended. It was reported that the next round of training was due to start in the summer.

Resolved to note the update.

45/16 Presentation about Teacher Visit to India

Members received a presentation from Alison Brown about a recent teacher visit to India. It was reported that a group of 19 people had taken part in the visit, including 15 teachers. It was further reported that this was an ongoing partnership with schools in Calcutta, with the aim of forging links between schools. It was noted that a resource box had been used in the schools visited. It was also noted that another visit was planned for January 2018 and that there were also future plans for some teachers from India to visit England.

Members asked whether the resource box was something that could be disseminated to schools. Alison agreed to put this to the group at their next meeting.

Resolved to note the presentation.

46/16 Declarations of Interest

There were none

47/16 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 11 October 2016 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

48/16 SACRE Membership, Resignations and Vacancies

The Clerk to SACRE reported that Phil Henry had stepped down as a Co-opted Member, representing the Multi-Faith Centre, and had proposed Ruth Richardson as his replacement. It was agreed that Ruth Richardson be appointed as a Co-opted Member, representing the Multi-Faith Centre.

It was reported that Derby Jamia Mosque had proposed that Mr Mohammed Haroon be appointed as one of the Islamic Faith representatives in Group A (Christianity and Other World Faiths). It was noted that this position was currently vacant. It was agreed that Mohammed Haroon be appointed as one of the Islamic Faith representatives.

Current vacancies on SACRE were discussed and the Chair agreed to write to relevant nominating bodies to encourage representation.

Resolved:

- 1. to agree that Ruth Richardson be appointed as a Co-opted Member, representing the Multi-Faith Centre;**
- 2. to agree that Mohammed Haroon be appointed as one of the Islamic Faith representatives in Group A (Christianity and Other World Faiths); and**
- 3. to agree that the Chair will write to nominating bodies with a current vacancy on SACRE, to encourage representation.**

49/16 Dealing with the Upsurge in Racist Abuse and Hate Crime – how should schools respond?

The Lead Officer to SACRE reported that schools were responding positively to the challenge of dealing with racist abuse and hate crime.

It was noted that the Lead Officer to SACRE was pursuing funding for a project to examine what British values look like and what they mean. It was also noted that further updates would be provided.

Members talked about their own experiences and also about the good work being carried out by different faiths and organisations.

Resolved to note the oral report.

50/16 Discussion on Prevent Strategy

The Lead Officer to SACRE reported that the item had been deferred to the next meeting of SACRE.

Resolved to agree that the discussion on the Prevent Strategy be deferred to the next meeting of the SACRE.

51/16 Forthcoming SACRE Development Day

The Lead Officer to SACRE reported on the forthcoming SACRE Development Day. It was noted that this event would take place on 13 March 2017 at County Hall and would look at SACRE's in the future and the work of RE Today.

Resolved to note the update.

52/16 Open Centre Update

Sam Mitchell spoke to Members on the work of the Open Centre. This included updates on resource investment, including the use of banners to accompany workshops, the recruitment of trustees and staff members and the exploration of links with other organisations. It was noted that there had been an increase in visitors to the Open Centre.

Resolved to note the update.

53/16 Local Update and Visits

Tamara Dale, Ridgeway Infant School, extended an invitation to Members to visit the school.

Qazi Abdul Mateen put forward the suggestion that Members of SACRE could visit other faiths and also that Members could talk about their own faiths at SACRE meetings. The Lead Officer to SACRE suggested that this could be addressed through the forthcoming SACRE Development Day.

54/16 National Updates

There were none.

55/16 Any Other Business

It was noted that Ruth Richardson would provide a Multi-Faith Centre update at the next meeting of SACRE.

The Lead Officer to the SACRE reported that supplementary material for the Derby City Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education would be considered at the next meeting.

Resolved to note.

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