

ITEM 07

Time commenced – 6.00pm

Time finished – 6.27pm

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

3 February 2022

Present:

Group A – Christianity and Other World Faiths

Phil Royle
Errol Vassell

Methodist Church
Pentecostal Church

Group B – Church of England

Viv Lawrence
Zoe Higgins

Group C – Teachers' Associations

Chelle Byrne
Ian Birkin

NEU
NASUWT

Group D – Local Education Authority

Councillor Kus
Councillor Lonsdale

Co-opted Members

None

In Attendance:

Steve Ford

Lead officer to SACRE

01/21 Appointment of Chair

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

02/21 Appointment of the Chairs of Groups A, B and C

Resolved to appoint Phil Royle as Chair of Group A, Viv Lawrence as Chair of Group B and Ian Birkin as Chair of Group C.

03/21 Appointment of Vice Chair

Resolved to appoint Phil Royle as Vice Chair of SACRE.

04/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from
Group A - Judith Willers, Raj Bali, Eve Sacker, Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon,
Group B - Rev Anita Matthews,
Group C - Martin Cain, Kieran Picken,
Group D - Councillor Martin, Councillor Wood and
Co-opted Members - Sam Hussain.

05/21 Late Items to be introduced by the Chair

There were none.

06/21 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

07/21 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 25 March 2021 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2021 were agreed subject to the inclusion of apologies for absence from Viv Lawrence.

08/21 SACRE Membership, Resignations and Vacancies

The Clerk to SACRE reported that the following nominations had been received from the nominating body for

Group A (Christianity and Other World Faiths)

Alan Barker (Religious Society of Friends)

Group C (Teachers' Associations)

Ian Birkin (NASUWT)

The Clerk report that the following SACRE Members had chosen to resign since the last SACRE meeting:

Lucy Care (Religious Society of Friends)

Melvin Harris (NASUWT)

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)

1 Vacancy

Group C (Teachers' Associations)

National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT)

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

Resolved:

- 1. To appoint Alan Barker and Ian Birkin to SACRE for the four-year term of office beginning on 3 February 2022.**
- 2. To note the resignations from Lucy Care and Melvin Harris.**
- 3. To note the current positions that were vacant.**

09/21 School Mission Statements Discussion

Phil Royle reported that in relation to school mission statements the four words he saw most often were, success, achieve, ambition and excellence. He was concerned that words such as happy, friendly, caring, honesty etc were not used. He was concerned about recognising those children who did not fit into the current school mission statements.

Steve Ford reported that over the next few months the objective was to re-energise the Committee and suggested that a report be prepared to reflect the realities of Derby City and Derbyshire County Councils. This would cover some of the achievements and advocacy. He requested a short case study from a secondary school in the City and from the Open Centre about the work they were doing. He also wanted to start a discussion on continuing the professional development of colleagues in schools.

It was felt that consideration should also be given to engaging with schools about the emotional mental health impact of the last two years from an RE perspective. It was reported that two schools in the City (Littleover and Bemrose) had particularly good schemes for counselling pupils.

It was noted that particularly large families had struggled with home schooling during the pandemic and schools would be pleased to welcome people in to show how faith could help.

Resolved to note that a report would be prepared for the next meeting.

MINUTES END