

ITEM 4

Time commenced – 6.00pm

Time finished – 6.49pm

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 29 January 2019

Present:

Group A – Christianity and Other World Faiths

Rev Philip Webb	Baptist Church
Phil Royle	Methodist Church
Lucy Care	Religious Society of Friends
Mair Bradley	United Reformed Church
Errol Vassell	Pentecostal Church

Group B – Church of England

Viv Lawrence
Alison Brown

Group C – Teachers' Associations

Melvin Harris	NASUWT
Sally Siner	ATL

Group D – Local Education Authority

Councillor Hezelgrave
Councillor Skelton
Councillor Wood

Co-opted Members

Peter Harvey	Humanist UK
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In Attendance:

Steve Ford	Lead officer to SACRE
Kate Nash	Senior School Improvement Officer
Steven Mason	Democratic Services Officer

29/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Raj Bali, Hardial Singh Dhillon, Councillor Graves, Wendy Hardy, Katie Lake, Anita Matthews, Sam Mitchell, Roy Ninkovic, Ruth Richardson, Eve Sacker and Ranjit Singh Seehra.

30/18 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

31/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

32/18 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 9 October 2018 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

33/18 Ofsted – New Draft Framework

Steve Ford reported on the Ofsted draft education inspection framework.

Members noted that the draft was out for consultation.

It was reported that the draft framework inspection would foster spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

The Senior School Improvement Officer reported that the inspection framework had a new emphasis. Members noted that Ofsted appeared to be moving away from data outcomes and that the quality of education would be the judgement. Members also noted that this was a positive move forward; putting the curriculum at the heart of learning.

Resolved to note the update.

34/18 Progress on the review of the Locally Agreed Syllabus

Peter Harvey reported on a recent joint meeting of Derby and Derbyshire SACRE's that took place in October 2018. It was reported that the purpose of the meeting was to begin discussions in relation to the review of the Agreed Syllabus for RE.

Members noted that Lat Blaylock, RE Consultant with RE Today Services, was present for the discussions.

It was reported that SACRE and the local authority had a duty to review the Agreed Syllabus for RE every 5 years. It was also reported that this would fall due in 2019/20 for the City and County of Derbyshire SACREs. Members noted that Nick Gibb, schools minister at the DfE, had reinforced this duty in parliamentary answers to questions on several occasions in the last few months. It was also noted that whilst the Commission on RE's report (September 9) had called for a change in the law to take the syllabus-making function of SACREs away from them and replace them with a new 'Quango' to write a national RE syllabus, from its statement of entitlement this

was at present a proposal and was dependent on legal change. It was reported that whether this change in the law was likely or not, it certainly wouldn't be swift, so present advice was that SACREs must continue to meet the requirements to provide and review/revise their syllabuses.

Members noted that the joint meeting had considered four options for the Agreed Syllabus for RE:

1. Commission a review and new syllabus
2. Adopt a syllabus from another local authority
3. Buy in to a national offer for LAs from RE Today
4. Continue with your current syllabus

It was reported that option three had been the favoured option because it meant that the two authorities could working together and as a result, it would be the least cost option. Members noted that this was the option that the working group suggested that the SACREs adopt.

It was reported that the cost of the review would be recouped through extensive training and conference programmes.

The Committee discussed the four options and also favoured option three. Members discussed whether the syllabus should be bespoke or 'off the peg'.

The Lead Officer to the SACRE reported that there was a difference of opinion between primary and secondary school colleagues on whether the approach to the syllabus should be systematic or thematic. Members discussed the two approaches.

Members agreed that Derby SACRE should work with Derbyshire SACRE to review the Agreed Syllabus for RE and that RE Today's services should be employed to develop the renewed syllabus for 2019/20.

Resolved:

- 1. to agree that Derby SACRE will work with Derbyshire SACRE to review the Agreed Syllabus for RE; and**
- 2. to agree that Derby SACRE will use RE Today's services to develop the renewed syllabus for 2019/20.**

35/18 SACRE Development Day

Steve Ford spoke about a forthcoming SACRE Development Day due to take place at the county offices on Monday 11 March 2019. An invitation was extended to all members of Derby SACRE.

The Lead Officer to the SACRE proposed that the SACRE Development Day should focus on the review of the Agreed Syllabus for RE, with particular attention being given to deciding whether the syllabus should be bespoke or 'off the peg' and whether the approach should be systematic or thematic. Members agreed.

Members who would not be able to attend, were invited to submit comments, issues and concerns, in relation to the review of the Agreed Syllabus for RE.

It was agreed that Lat Blaylock from RE Today be invited to attend the SACRE Development Day.

The Lead Officer to the SACRE reported that he was due to meet with teaching colleagues and that he would feed their comments in to the discussion at the SACRE Development Day.

Resolved to agree that the SACRE Development Day should focus on the review of the Agreed Syllabus for RE, as outlined at the meeting.

36/18 Multi-Faith Centre Update

Item deferred to the next meeting of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

37/18 Open Centre Update

Item deferred to the next meeting of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

38/18 School of Sanctuary Update

The Lead Officer to the SACRE provided an update on the work of Crich Junior School as a School of Sanctuary. Members noted that a number of schools had expressed an interest in getting involved.

Members noted that Cheryl Julian was due to leave the school.

Members agreed that SACRE should continue to offer its support to Crich Junior School as a School of Sanctuary.

Members suggested that the work of Crich Junior School as a School of Sanctuary could be highlighted at School Governor training or in circulars to schools.

It was reported that Cheryl had recently spoken at an event at Quad, as part of Holocaust Memorial Day, about the work of the school.

Resolved to agree that SACRE should continue to offer its support to Crich Junior School as a School of Sanctuary.

39/18 Re-establishment of Joint Chairs Meeting

The Lead Officer to SACRE proposed that the joint Chairs pre-agenda meetings be re-established. It was noted that the purpose of the meetings would be to formulate the agenda for meetings of SACRE. It was also noted that these would involve the Chairs of groups A, B, C and D and the Lead Officer to SACRE.

Members agreed that the pre-agenda meeting should take place three weeks before a scheduled meeting of SACRE.

Resolved to agree that the joint Chairs SACRE pre-agenda meeting be re-established, as outlined at the meeting.

40/18 Local Updates and Visits

There were none.

41/18 National Updates

There were none.

42/18 Any Other Business

There were none.

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