

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 7.10pm

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
2 July 2014

Present:

Group A – Christianity and Other World Faiths

Iana Heath	Bahai Faith
Raj Bali	Hindhu Faith
Phil Royle	Methodist Church
Rev Roy Ninkovic	Serbian Orthodox Church
Mair Bradley	United Reformed Church
Eve Sacker	Jewish Faith
Hardial Singh Dhillon	Sikh Faith

Group B – Church of England

Rosemary Wibberley
Alison Brown

Group C – Teachers' Associations

Ash Venkatesh ASCL

Group D – Local Education Authority

Councillor Jones

Co-opted Members

Peter Harvey	British Humanist Association
Kate McRae	The Open Centre

01/14 Appointment of Chair

Resolved:

1. to agree that Councillor Jones be appointed as Chair for the meeting held on 2 July 2014; and
2. to agree that the Chair of the SACRE be appointed at the next meeting of the SACRE.

02/14 Appointment of Vice-Chair

Resolved:

1. to agree that Phil Royle be appointed as Chair of Group A for the 2014/15 municipal year;
2. to agree that the Chair of Group B be appointed at the next meeting of the SACRE;
3. to agree that the Chair of Group C be appointed at the next meeting of the SACRE; and
4. to agree that the Vice-Chair of the SACRE be appointed at the next meeting of the SACRE.

03/14 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Wendy Hardy, Katie Lake and Councillors Higginbottom and Turner.

04/14 Late items to be introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

05/14 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

06/14 Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 March 2014 were noted.

07/14 Announcements from the Chair

There were none.

08/14 Support from the RE Adviser to the SACRE

Steve Ford introduced himself to Members as the new Lead Officer to support the SACRE, who had taken over from Alan Stubbersfield, the RE Adviser to the SACRE.

Resolved to note that Steve Ford is the new Lead Officer to the SACRE.

09/14 SACRE Membership, Resignations and Vacancies

The clerk to the SACRE reported that there had been two resignations since the last meeting of the SACRE and that they were from Wendy Jordon (Salvation Army) and Ruth Dolby (Jewish Faith). Members agreed that the clerk to the SACRE would send out letters of thanks.

Eve Sacker was introduced as the new Jewish Faith representative.

Members noted the work the clerk had undertaken in respect of filling vacancies and renominating Members. The clerk reported that when the renomination exercise was completed, Members would then be formally appointed at a meeting of Council.

Resolved to agree that the clerk to the SACRE shall send letters of thanks to Wendy Jordon and Ruth Dolby.

10/14 Consideration of Appointment of Co-opted Member

Iana Heath proposed Maryam Djavid as a Co-opted Member (Bahai Faith). It was also proposed that Maryam would not be required to attend at least one meeting in every three. Members considered the proposal and agreed to co-opt Maryam.

Resolved to agree to co-opt Maryam Djavid to the SACRE, under the terms discussed.

11/14 SACRE Action Plan 2014/15

Members discussed the SACRE Action Plan and agreed that it needed updating. It was agreed that the Lead Officer to the SACRE would meet with the Chairs of Groups A – D to determine the relevance of the last action plan.

Resolved to agree that the Lead Officer to the SACRE will meet the Chairs of Groups A – D to update the SACRE Action Plan.

12/14 Ofsted Report on RE – realising the potential and Review of Religious Education in England

Members discussed the reports and agreed that they were key documents that presented the national picture. Members also recognised that the documents should be considered in conjunction with the review of the Locally Agreed Syllabus.

Resolved to agree that the Ofsted Report on RE – realising the potential and the Review of Religious Education in England should be considered in conjunction with the review of the Locally Agreed Syllabus.

13/14 National Updates

There were none.

14/14 Local Updates and Visits

Phil Royle informed Members of two events that recently took place in Mickleover. It was reported that children from local schools were invited into the Mickleover

churches during Easter. Members noted that the churches were able to engage with pupils, teachers and parents. It was further reported that the churches were also open as part of Mickleover Fest. Members noted that the events were very successful and raised the profile of the churches in Mickleover.

Members discussed the Open Centre and acknowledged the important work that is carried out, both, at the Open Centre and externally. Members noted that the Open Centre was currently looking for new accommodation. It was agreed that if a representative of the Open Centre wanted to contact the Council in respect of new accommodation, an email could be sent to the clerk to the SACRE and the clerk would forward the email to the relevant Council officer.

Resolved to note the updates.

15/14 Draft Annual SACRE Report 2012/13

Members discussed the draft Annual SACRE Report 2012/13. Members noted that the Annual SACRE Report 2013/14 was pending and discussed possible items for inclusion.

Resolved to note the Annual SACRE Report 2012/13.

16/14 Locally Agreed Syllabus

Members discussed the pending review of the Locally Agreed Syllabus. The Lead Officer to the SACRE suggested using Derbyshire County Council's recently completed Locally Agreed Syllabus, as a starting point. It was agreed that the Lead Officer to the SACRE would investigate the possibility of Derby City Council using Derbyshire's Locally Agreed Syllabus.

Members also expressed a desire to establish a more collaborative relationship with the Derbyshire SACRE.

Resolved to agree that the Lead Officer to the SACRE will investigate the possibility of Derby City Council using Derbyshire County Council's Locally Agreed Syllabus, when Derby City Council's is reviewed.

17/14 Determinations

Members considered an application for a review of a determination (Section 394, Education Act 1996) received from Hardwick Primary School.

Members agreed to grant the application for a review of a determination.

Resolved:

- 1. to grant the application for a review of a determination received from Hardwick Primary School; and**

- 2. to agree that the Headteacher of Hardwick Primary School is provided with written notification of the decision, specifying the effective date for the purpose of review.**

18/14 Future Meeting Dates

Members considered the following meeting dates for the next municipal year:

- Monday 20 October 2014
- Tuesday 3 February 2015

Resolved to agree the future meeting dates.

19/14 Any Other Business

None.

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