

Time commenced – 7.15pm  
Time finished – 8.03pm

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
14 OCTOBER 2013**

Present:

**Group A – Christianity and Other World Faiths**

Maryam Djauid	Bahai Faith
Raj Bali	Hindhu Faith
Phil Royle	Methodist Church
Wendy Jordan	Salvation Army
Rev Roy Ninkovic	Serbian Orthodox Church
Ruth Dolby	Jewish Faith

**Group B – Church of England**

Rosemary Wibberley  
Viv Lawrence  
Alison Brown  
Maxine Bull

**Group C – Teachers' Associations**

Kate McRae	NAHT
Ash Venkatesh	ASCL

**Group D – Local Education Authority**

Councillors Higginbottom, Campbell, Turner, F Winter and Wood

**Co-opted Members**

Laura Connolly	The Open Centre
Peter Harvey	British Humanist Association

**16/13 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Joan Price, Lucy Care, Mair Bradley and DR Phil Henry.

**17/13 Late Items Introduced by the Chair**

There were no late items.

## 18/13      Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 19/13      Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## 20/13      Announcements from the Chair

The sad news that Aslam Siddiqi had passed away was announced to the SACRE. Aslam Siddiqi was one of the Members who had represented the Islamic Faith in Group A (Christianity and Other World Faith). Members stood for a minute's silence. Members agreed that the SACRE would send a letter to the family.

The Chair invited the RE Adviser to the SACRE to update Members on the review of the Determinations form. It was reported that the review had been triggered by a desire to make it clear that a review of an existing determination was a desire to maintain the status quo, rather than to make changes. Members agreed that a clarification of 'review of a determination' would be added to the form. Members also agreed that the first question in the form should read:

- Is the school seeking any changes to the status quo?

### **Resolved:**

- 1. that the SACRE would write to the family of Aslam Siddiqi; and**
- 2. that the RE Adviser to the SACRE would amend the wording on the form as outlined.**

## 21/13      Support from the RE Adviser to the SACRE

The RE Adviser to the SACRE updated Members on his change of circumstances and raised the question of options for future support.

**Resolved to agree that the appointment of an alternative RE Adviser to the SACRE be investigated.**

## 22/13      SACRE Membership and Vacancies

The clerk to the SACRE updated Members on the SACRE membership and outstanding vacancies. It was reported that letters would be going out shortly to all Members who had not confirmed whether or not they wanted to continue as a Member of the SACRE. Members noted that once that exercise was completed, letters would then be sent to all nominating bodies, requesting them to nominate their representatives on the SACRE. It was further reported that the clerk to the SACRE would shortly be sending out letters to all the nominating bodies where a vacancy existed.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to agree that the clerk to the SACRE would write to Members who had not confirmed whether or not they wished to continue as a Member of the SACRE;**
- 2. to agree that the clerk to the SACRE would write to all nominating bodies, requesting them to nominate their representatives on the SACRE; and**
- 3. to agree that the clerk to the SACRE would write to all the nominating bodies where a vacancy existed.**

## 23/13 SACRE Action Plan Update 2013/14

Kate McRae reported that there had been visits to three schools since May 2013 and they were:

- Chellaston Academy;
- St Chad's Infants School; and
- Homefields Primary School.

Members noted that a presentation on outcomes of the three visits would be presented at the next meeting of the SACRE.

It was reported that two schools were due to be visited:

- Carlyle Infant School
- Gayton Junior School

Volunteers were sought to attend the visits.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to note the update; and**
- 2. that the outcomes of all school visits be presented at the next meeting of the SACRE.**

## 24/13 National Updates

Laura Connolly updated Members on the work of the Open Centre. A letter had recently been sent to all schools about the services that the Open Centre offered. Members noted that the letters had been sent out after the release of the Ofsted report on RE that showed that many schools were failing to realise children's full potential in RE. Members agreed that the services of the Open

Centre be promoted through the Annual Report of the SACRE 2012/13 (see 26/13).

Alison Brown reported that the teaching of Christianity in schools was one of the main weaknesses identified in the Ofsted report. Members noted that the Church of

England's National Society had developed resources for Key Stage 1, 2, and 3.

Members noted that the Ofsted report on RE did contain examples of good practice and that where schools were doing well, enquiry led RE was taught that encouraged deep questioning. Members agreed to look at the examples of good practice, contained within the report, at the next meeting of the SACRE.

Members agreed that it would be useful to relate the outcomes of the school visits to the key findings of the Ofsted report.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to note the updates; and**
- 2. that the examples of good practice as identified in the Ofsted report on RE be considered at the next meeting of the SACRE.**

## 25/13 Local Updates

There were no local updates.

## 26/13 Annual Report 2012/13

Members noted that it would soon be time to publish the Annual Report of the SACRE 2012/13. The RE Adviser to the SACRE invited Members to submit articles to provide local context.

Members also discussed items for possible inclusion, such as the NASACRE AGM and a promotional article on the work of the Open Centre.

Members thought that it would be useful to include a section on sources of support and information. The RE Adviser to the SACRE invited Members to forward any information to him. Members noted that there was a page in the local curriculum that contained useful websites. The RE Adviser to the SACRE agreed to circulate this to Members to see if it needed updating.

**Resolved:**

- 1. that Members submit any articles for inclusion in the Annual Report of the SACRE 2012/13 to the RE Adviser to the SACRE;**
- 2. that Members submit the details of any sources of support and information for inclusion in the report to the RE Adviser to the SACRE; and**
- 3. that the RE Adviser to the SACRE circulates the page from the local curriculum that contains useful websites and that Members will check to see if any of them need updating.**

## 27/13 Future Meeting Dates

Members considered the following re-organised meeting date for the current

municipal year:

- Tuesday 18 February 2014

**Resolved to agree that the meeting date be moved to a different Tuesday.**

## 28/13 Any Other Business

Ruth Dolby reported that a Jewish SACRE conference was due to take place in Manchester. Members noted that the conference was organised by the Board of Deputies of British Jews and that Ruth would report back on it at the next meeting of the SACRE.

Viv Lawrence reported that Derby Cathedral had recently been awarded with a Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge. It was further reported that the award was presented by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom and recognised quality learning in a safe environment. Members noted that it was the second time that the Cathedral had received the award.

Laura Connolly reported that the Cathedral and the Open Centre had been working together on a multi-faith workshop, Faith in Harmony, and that it would be based at the Cathedral.

**Resolved to note the updates.**

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