

Minutes



STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 7.15pm

Present: (Groups in brackets)	Revd. D Smith (A) (Chair) Mrs J Speck (C) Cllr C Williams (D) Mr L Bracken (A) Mrs R Johnson (A)	Mrs M Cockram (C) Miss V M Stone (C) Mr S Ellingham (C) Mrs A Huneke (D)
Apologies:	Cllr N Patel (D) Mr Mukesh Rao (A)	Mrs M Horlock (B) Mr Paul Solomon (A)
In attendance:	Ms P Smith-Orr - Consultant/Observer Mrs P Garry – Clerk Alison Navarro (Community Action Sutton) Abu Ullah (Sutton's Hate Crime Lead)	

	ITEM	ACTION BY
1.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and, in particular, the two guest speakers Alison Navarro and Abu Ullah.	
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies had been received from Cllr N Patel, Mr Mukesh Rao, Mrs M Horlock and Mr Paul Solomon. Mrs C Smyth and Cllr Gonzalez were absent. The Chair noted that the meeting was not quorate.	
3.	HATE CRIME AND PREVENT - LOCAL AUTHORITY LEAD PRESENTATION Alison Navarro gave a presentation to SACRE members around the definitions of hate crime and hate incidents and talked about the partnerships in Sutton and the work that is being done to highlight the issues. Mr Ullah highlighted some leaflets that can be used by faith organisations and schools. PS-O stated that SACRE's role is to encourage schools to teach children about different faiths so that they have a greater understanding. SE said that schools have been trialling a faith forum and they are talking	

	<p>about these issues. Hopefully the Faith Ambassadors initiative will also help. PS-O added that she is aware that Croydon are producing a poster about hate crime which will be sent to places of worship.</p> <p>Mr Ullah advised that there are also signs in hot spots around the borough, particularly the High Street.</p> <p>The Chair thanked AN and AU for their presentation and added that every human being should be respected.</p>	
4.	<p>MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 4TH JUNE 2019</p> <p>The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record subject to the amendment of “Mrs Stone” to “Miss Stone” on page 2.</p>	
5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THE AGENDA</p> <p>The Chair advised that all matters arising were covered on the agenda..</p>	
6.	<p>APPOINTMENT OF SACRE MEMBERS</p> <p>The members noted that numbers are very low in Group B and if both members do not attend, as per this evening’s meeting, then the meeting is not quorate.</p> <p>Action: PS-O is going to visit Shaun Byrnes (Southwark Diocese) and will raise this issue.</p> <p>Appointment of Chair/Vice-Chair DS reminded members that the Chair and Vice-Chair positions were to be reviewed this term. He agreed to continue as Chair should there be no other nominations and asked Miss Stone if she would agree to remain as Vice-Chair. Members unanimously agreed to these appointments.</p> <p>RESOLUTION: Revd. D Smith to be appointed as Chair and Miss V Stone as Vice-Chair for a period of one year.</p>	PS-O
7.	<p>MONITORING RE AND CW IN SUTTON</p> <p>Wire Award The working group had met and further developed the leaflet for the Wire Award. Two secondary schools, Overton Grand and Cheam High, have applied to do the award but PS-O is unsure whether Cognus has circulated it to the primary schools.</p> <p>RJ raised an issue with page 2 in that it references three elements of the WIRE award whereby page 3 has four and also around the wording “non-Christian” in the tables. SE agreed to re-draft the wording so that it is clearer.</p> <p>A member asked about the 12 month requirement to complete the award and it was confirmed that this can be from any point in the year and is a rolling 12 months.</p>	

	Actions: SE to re-draft the information on the WIRE award and send to PS-O PS-O to re-send the letter and information about the award directly to the Headteachers (asking them to forward to the RE leads) PS=O to re-send the item about SACRE to PG to forward to Governor Support.	SE PS-O PS-O
8.	UPDATE ON FAITH AMBASSADORS JS had taken two groups of Muslim girls to the Avenue school to do assemblies. Unfortunately, she had not received any feedback from the school. PS-O also said that the initiative has been discussed at the RE Co-ordinators meetings. SE was going to try and find some other primary schools that might welcome a visit. LB asked if there are any humanist ambassadors. JS said that she has a range of girls. Action: JS to send a short write-up to SE to help him promote the visits at primary schools. SE will also discuss with Cheam High, Overton Grange and Carshalton Girls.	 JS/SE
9.	SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2019 and 2020 Members noted the completed 2019 plan and had one or two amendments to note: Item 2 - all three SACRE meetings have now taken place. Item 9 – Sutton Faith and Belief Forum might be a good resource to tap into. There is a meeting on Thursday 14 th at 6.30pm at Granfuss Community Centre in Sutton. Action: DS will email the Chair of the Forum asking him to publicise that SACRE would welcome new members and also to flag up the WIRE Award and Faith Ambassadors. Members noted the 2020 plan. PS-O highlighted that members will need to review the syllabus in 2020. It was agreed that an Agreed Syllabus Conference would take place immediately prior, at 6.30pm, to the SACRE meeting in March. It is, therefore, imperative that the meeting is quorate. It was also noted that the KS3 syllabus is not on the SACRE website. Action: PS-O to send the KS3 syllabus to the Clerk who will arrange for it to be uploaded.	 DS PS-O
10.	SACRE ANNUAL REPORT PS-O is currently working on this. The Chair was asked to provide his opening introduction. PS-O reminded members that the DfE require that the attendance of members is included in the annual report. Aside from the fact that absences	

	restrict full discussion and affects quoracy, it also reflects badly on the local SACRE if attendance is poor.	
11.	<p>RE CO-ORDINATORS MEETINGS AND SCHOOL VISITS</p> <p>The RE Co-coordinators meeting had taken place at the Cognus offices. Discussions took place about the WIRE Award and Faith Ambassadors. The group also looked at Diwali ideas and talked about assessment.</p> <p>There were 10 teachers present and it was noted that there were larger numbers when the meetings were shared across Merton and Sutton.</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on 23rd January and will be at Wentworth Hall (Mosque) in Carshalton. PS-O said that the accommodation (a portacabin) at the Cognus offices was not good. Members agreed and added that this would seem to downplay the importance and value of the meeting.</p>	
12.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>The Clerk advised that there had been a delay in paying the invoice as it had not gone into her main inbox but that it would be paid by the end of the month and access to the members' area of the NASACRE website will then be available.</p> <p>Action: The Clerk to circulate the log on and password details for the NASACRE website.</p>	PG
13.	<p>DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS</p> <p>Tuesday 17th March 2020 at 6.30pm – Agreed Syllabus Conference followed by main meeting at 7.15pm</p> <p>Venue: The Study, Sutton High School, Cheam Road, Sutton</p>	

Closing Time of Meeting: 9.00pm

Chair's Signature Date.....