

# Minutes



## STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 6.30pm

Present: Revd. D Smith (A) (Chair) Mrs M Cockram (C)  
(Groups in Cllr C Williams (D) Miss V M Stone (C)  
brackets) Mr L Bracken (A) Mr S Ellingham (C)  
Mrs R Johnson (A) Mrs A Huneke (D)  
Cllr N Patel (D) Cllr M Gonzalez (D)

In attendance: Mrs Penny Smith-Orr (Consultant)  
Mrs Penny Garry (Clerk)  
Mrs Uzma Mobin  
Mrs Usma Hussein  
Ms Rebecca Bishop  
Mr Lesley Kemp

Apologies: Mrs Justine Speck (C)

	ITEM	ACTION BY
1.	<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b>  The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and, in particular, the four prospective SACRE members, Mrs Uzma Mobin, Mrs Usma Hussein, Mr Lesley Kemp and Ms Rebecca Bishop.  The Clerk gave a brief introduction to SACRE, its aims and terms of reference and how the membership is made up.	
2.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  Apologies had been received from Miss J Speck. Mr M Rao, Mrs M Horlock and Mr Leo Morrell were absent without apologies.	
3.	<b>SACRE AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE</b>  PS-O explained the background to the locally agreed syllabus and that SACRE are required to review it every 5 years and advise the local authority that they have done so.  A major re-draft was done five years ago and so the only change proposed at the moment is the addition of some information on assessment. When the syllabus was originally reviewed there was a big change in assessment and no clear guidelines around how it should be carried out. However, members' views are invited on whether any other changes are required.	

	<p>The document that has been circulated is in place of section 6 and should be of more help to schools.</p> <p>AH commented that she thought it was very helpful and gives a clear picture of the things that are expected. RJ added that it is very good and shows clear differentiation around how pupils can progress.</p> <p>SE asked why the page dividing the units of work up only mentions KS1 and KS2 and if there is a Secondary school equivalent. PS-O explained that Secondary schools have a different way of working and will have their own way of dividing up the units. The section on Assessment does cover all Key Stages up to KS4.</p> <p>RB commented that it is difficult but that her school, which has a big uptake of RE, has been looking at the key skills required to support pupils through GCSE. There is skill based assessment as there is a big jump from KS3 to GCSE. RB added that her school does use KS1 and KS2 as a base line but that a lot of primary school teachers are not RE specialists.</p> <p>RJ asked if it is useful for secondary schools to know what has been covered in year 6 so that it is not repeated. RB agreed and said that it was important to understand the syllabus and also how the units have been assessed.</p> <p>CW asked about the document on the website which refers to KS1 and KS2. PS-O explained that there was a complete document covering all key stages but it appears that the website team haven't taken down the separate document.</p> <p><b>Action: PG to ask the local authority web team to remove the old document.</b></p> <p>RJ asked if it would be worth contacting the teachers to ask how they are finding the syllabus. PS-O confirmed that she had sought feedback soon after it was launched and subsequently talked to RE Co-ordinators at the regular meetings. More recently, after Easter, PS-O had mentioned that the syllabus was being reviewed and asked for any comments in a Newsletter sent to RE Co-ordinators.</p> <p><b>Action: PS-O will email all RE Co-ordinators again with a deadline for comments.</b></p> <p><b>Action: SACRE members are asked to pass any comments to PS-O by the end of August 2020 in order that she can bring a final version for approval to the next meeting.</b></p>	<p>PG</p> <p>PS-O</p> <p>PS-O</p>
4.	<p><b>REPORT FROM APRIL 2020</b></p> <p>Members noted the report which had been circulated for comment in the absence of a meeting being held. PG confirmed that she had sent the Annual Report to the web team to upload on the website.</p>	
5.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THE AGENDA</b></p> <p>The Chair advised that all matters arising were covered on the agenda.</p>	

6.	<p><b>APPOINTMENT OF SACRE MEMBERS</b></p> <p><b>Proposal to appoint new members.</b></p> <p>DS asked the guests in attendance if they would be happy to join SACRE and asked that they request a letter of recommendation from either their organisation heads or headteacher.</p> <p>The following was agreed:</p> <p>Uzma Hussein to join Group A (representing the Muslim faith)  Lesley Kemp to join Group A (representing the Buddhist faith)  Rebecca Bishop to join Group C (as a TA at Cheam High)  Uzma Mobin to join Group C (as a TA at Sutton High School)</p> <p><b>Action: Each of the new members to forward an appointment letter to the Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Action: Clerk to send the SACRE Handbook, Constitution and NASACRE Website log in information to the new members.</b></p>	<p>UH/LK/UM and RB</p> <p>PG</p>
7.	<p><b>SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020</b></p> <p>Members noted the 2020 development plan which had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p>	
8.	<p><b>MONITORING RE AND CW IN SUTTON</b></p> <p><b>Wire Award</b>  PS-O explained the WIRE Award to the new members. Seven schools have applied to complete it but, given the school closures, they had been permitted an extension to gather together their evidence.</p> <p><b>Websites</b>  PS-O recapped the exercise that had taken place last Summer. Given the pressure that schools are currently under it was decided that a review of the websites will be carried out over the next few weeks and school's written to in the Autumn or Spring with SACRE's observations. SE offered to undertake this exercise.</p> <p>MC asked if it is worth making contact with schools to let them know that SACRE are able to help if required. PS-O said that she had recently sent out a Newsletter to keep the profile high. There is also another NATRE update which PS-O will send on to RE Co-ordinators.</p> <p><b>Action: SE to review the websites and complete the template document.</b></p>	<p>SE</p>
9.	<p><b>UPDATE ON FAITH AMBASSADORS</b></p> <p>JE had sent the Clerk a message updating on the situation with Faith Ambassadors. Two schools had made contact but visits were not possible due to the closures. The Faith Ambassadors have contributed to assemblies at Sutton High and this has been a good experience.</p>	

<b>10.</b>	<b>UPDATE ON SUTTON FAITH &amp; BELIEF FORUM</b>  This item is deferred to the Autumn term.	
<b>11</b>	<b>RE CO-ORDINATORS MEETINGS AND SCHOOL VISITS</b>  This item is deferred to the Autumn term.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>  There was no other business to discuss.	
<b>13.</b>	<b>DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS</b>  <b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.15pm.</b>  <b>Venue: TBC but hopefully The Study, Sutton High School, Cheam Road, Sutton</b>	

Closing Time of Meeting: 9.00pm

Chair's Signature ..... Date.....