

Minutes



STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.15pm held virtually using Google Meet

Present: (Groups in brackets)

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| Revd. D Smith (A) (Chair) | Miss V M Stone (C) |
| Mrs R Johnson (A) | Mr S Ellingham (C) |
| Mr Paul Solomon (A) | Mrs A Huneke (D) |
| Mrs Usma Hussein (A) | Cllr N Patel (D) |
| Mrs Uzma Mobin (C) | Cllr C Williams (D) |
| Mrs M Cockram (C) | |

In attendance: Mrs Penny Smith-Orr (Consultant)
Mrs Penny Garry (Clerk)

Apologies: Mr Lesley Kemp Ms Rebecca Bishop (C)
Mr Mukesh Rao (A)

Absent: Mr L Bracken (A) Mrs Justine Speck (C)
Mr L Morrell (B) Cllr M Gonzalez (D)

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| 1. | WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. | |
| 2. | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies had been received from Mr Kemp, Mr Rao and Ms Bishop and subsequent to the meeting from Ms Speck. | |
| 4. | MINUTES OF MEETING 10TH NOVEMBER 2020 The minutes were agreed and will be signed as a true record subject to some typos which will be corrected. | |
| 5. | MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THE AGENDA The Chair advised that all matters arising were covered on the agenda apart from the following Faith Ambassadors This project is on hold due to the lockdown. | |

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| | <p>Freedom of Information Requests</p> <p>PS-O confirmed that she had responded to the questions asked which had been general questions about the organisation of Sutton SACRE.</p> | |
| 6. | <p>APPOINTMENT OF SACRE MEMBERS</p> <p>There had been no new appointments to SACRE.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>MONITORING RE AND CW IN SUTTON</p> <p>SE has sent an updated list of schools to PS-O. Contact was to be made to schools to confirm who their RE Co-ordinators are but this was put on hold due to Covid. PS-O will do this after Easter.</p> <p>WIRE Award</p> <p>DS was due to visit Bandon Hill in January to present them with their certificate but this was not possible because of lockdown. PS-O will contact them after Easter to find out a convenient time.</p> <p>Co-ordinators have sent PS-O their intentions to complete the award and schools were given a longer period of time to complete them. Schools have been sent some links to virtual visits for places of worship and other ways that schools can meet the evidence requirements.</p> <p>In response to a question about how long the award remains in place, it was confirmed that it would need to be renewed after two years.</p> | |
| 8. | <p>UPDATE ON SUTTON FAITH & BELIEF FORUM</p> <p>PS has contacted the new Chair and there is a meeting scheduled for the 17th March. PS-O asked if PS could highlight the WIRE Aware and that schools might want to come to places of worship to visit or receive a talk.</p> | |
| 9. | <p>RE CO-ORDINATORS MEETINGS AND SCHOOL VISITS</p> <p>Another virtual meeting has taken place this term.</p> <p>PS-O commented on the RE meetings she runs in Merton and said that SACRE had wanted to get teachers views on RE over the past year and particularly if they had been able to keep the subject on the curriculum and if collective worship was taking place. PS-O asked the Sutton teachers the same thing and it would seem that teachers had managed well and were delivering online lessons. Where children did not have access to IT they were printing out papers and delivering them to children. They had reported that it was more difficult for children to talk about other faiths when they came from a faith household. PS expressed concern that children might not have IT but RJ said that often it was a case of there being too many people using the available technology at home.</p> <p>Teachers also reported that other teachers at their schools were asking them about activities they could use e.g. looking at artefacts and pictures. They were finding it hard to think about suitable activities for children to do at home. Teachers said that they were doing far more hours than they had</p> | |

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| | <p>ever done as they have to teach in school and online.</p> <p>UH asked what would determine which mosques would do the virtual visits. PS0 said that she would provide information where she had a link and this could be any local place of worship. The place of worship can contact schools directly or through PS-O to offer such a visit or talk.</p> <p>Teachers said that they could see where parents had been helping their children with a variety of outcomes and they recognised that they would have to re-visit some topics.</p> <p>Collective Worship This appeared to be happening regularly. Schools were doing recorded worship by the Headteacher and other teachers and some schools had local practitioners recording things to show to the children.</p> <p>General Overall, everyone seems to have worked really hard to keep RE going. PS-O had given teachers a game called “Positive Thinking” that they could use as a resource.</p> <p>Network meetings and courses will remain online until the end of this year. It is working very well and attendance has been good.</p> <p>RJ suggested that some of this information could be used as part of SACRE’s annual report.</p> | |
| 10. | <p>AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE</p> <p>The final document had been circulated with the papers.</p> <p>RJ said that an update is needed to the foreword and that there are some typos/formatting changes needed. RJ agreed to look at these and send back to PS-O. Clerk will put a hold on uploading until these are done.</p> <p>Action: RJ to make some typos/formatting amendments and return to PS-O/Clerk in order that it can be circulated to schools/uploaded to the SACRE webpage.</p> | RJ/ PS-O/ Clerk |
| 11. | <p>SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021</p> <p>The 2021 plan was reviewed and updates had been discussed as part of the item discussions.</p> <p>Outstanding Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To include the promotion of the WIRE Award under Item 4, Monitoring Standards of RE. • The inclusion of the provision of other guidance documents e.g. teaching and learning, subject leader guidance, inclusivity and equalities. <p>Action: The Clerk/PS-O will update the plan with progress and circulate to members.</p> | Clerk/PS-O |

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| 12. | <p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>NASACRE AGM The AGM will be on 24th May and will be virtual.</p> <p>Action: SACRE members to email PS-O if they would like to obtain details of how to attend.</p> | |
| 13. | <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Tuesday 15th June 2021 at 7.15pm.</p> <p>Venue: To be held virtually using Zoom.</p> | |

Closing Time of Meeting: 8.20pm

Chair's Signature Date.....