# Minutes

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Tuesday 28th February 2017 at 7.30pm**

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| Present:  (Groups in brackets) |  | Rev M Williams (B) (Chair)  Cllr R Broadbent (D) (Vice-Chair)  Mrs R Johnson (A)  Miss V M Stone (C) | | |  | | Mrs M Cockram (C)  Mrs C Smyth (B)  Cllr M Burstow (D) | |
| Apologies:  Absent: |  | Mr P Henry (C)  Cllr S Gordon (D  Cllr N Patel (D)  Mr K Siddiqi (A)  Mr L Bracken | |  | | Cllr H Ramsey (D)  Rev D Smith (A) | | | |
| In attendance: |  | Ms P Smith-Orr - Consultant/Observer  Mrs P Garry - Clerk |  |  | | | |
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|  | **ITEM** | **ACTION BY** |
| **1.** | **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**  The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. There were no new members. |  |
| **2.** | **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  Apologies had been received from Councillor Ramsey, Councillor Gordon, Revd D Smith and Mr P Henry, and were consented. |  |
| **3**. | **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 4TH OCTOBER 2016**  Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record with the following amendments:  CS clarified that church schools have Section 48 inspections under the Education Act but this has de-coupled from the timing of the Section 5 inspections.  Some actions had been completed, and those not already elsewhere on the agenda are further discussed under Matters Arising below. |  |
| **4.** | **MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THE AGENDA**  **Item 8 - Survey to Primary Schools** – it was decided that this would not be re-circulated until next Summer. |  |
| **5.** | **APPOINTMENT OF SACRE MEMBERS**  A discussion took place about whether VS could be re-nominated by the Union since she does not have a Headteacher contact. It was confirmed that this would be acceptable.  MW had approached Churches Together, Sutton and Cheam and will try and make contact again.  **Action: The Chair had not yet been able to produce the letters addressed to the Headteachers to request formal nominations for Monica Cockram and Paul Henry but would do so before the next meeting. He would also write to the new Rabbi at the synagogue and contact Churches Together again.**  Since she was not at the meeting it was unclear whether Cllr Patel had managed to make contact with a representative from the local temple and the Sutton Tamil group. | **MW** |
| **6.** | **National News**   * **NASACRE AGM 16th May**   This is taking place in York and it was noted that it is possible to travel there and back by train in one day  **Action: PG will seek approval of cost of attending the conference and travel and MC will confirm if she is able to attend.**  **Action: PG will forward subscription invoice once administrative contact at LBS is confirmed.**  **Action: RB to obtain clarity around the SACRE budget i.e. who manages it and the amount available. He will also attempt to establish an administrative contact in order that SACRE can run efficiently.**   * **REC commission on Religious Education**   The REC commission have set up a group to debate RE. Their first meeting was on 23rd February and PS-O will feedback when a report is published.   * **Religion and Diversity in primary School**   The University of Cardiff are looking at this and sent some very basic questions to PS-O which she had responded to**.** They are holding an event in March. | **PG/MC**  **PG**  **RB** |
| **7.** | **SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017**  **Item 1** – Evaluate SACRE Work etc  Action column: date to be changed to Autumn 17  **Item 5 – Sutton teachers etc.**  PS-O had added a target as she wanted to look at ways of contacting schools more directly. She has set up a website which should be published very soon, which will cover Croydon, Sutton and Southwark. It will contain teaching resources and where to find them, dates of meetings and other news. RB asked whether schools shared resources and was advised that it is very disjointed.  **Item 6 Guidance Document for Collective Worship** - the date had been set as Spring 17 but the decision was not to pre-empt any information issued so will await this guidance.  **Item 9 - The KS3 syllabus** has been added to the plan. RB asked about a cost against this item but was advised it will be Consultant time from within the annual allocation of hours.. The draft syllabus had been circulated prior to the meeting and will be discussed in a separate Agreed Syllabus Conference following this meeting.  **Item 8 - Meeting with other SACREs**  **Action: The Chair had not yet managed to make contact with Peter Kendrick, Merton SACRE and possibly Croydon and Bromley.**  **Item 7 – Faith Ambassadors**  PS-O has prioritised the KS3 syllabus. It is very difficult to meet with Deputy Heads but she has met with some primary ones who had expressed an interest but no progress had been made. In addition the Secondary Forum Head has stepped down. PS-O has been unable to attend a forum as the last meeting was cancelled. This will be re-visited in Autumn 17, when the KS3 syllabus has been sent out to schools. RE Ambassadors don’t necessarily have to be RE students. | **MW** |
| **8.** | **KS3 SYLLABUS**  This item is covered under the separate Agreed Syllabus Conference minutes. |  |
| **9.** | **SACRE ANNUAL REPORT**  This had been circulated to members and was noted. RB commented that it was very good that the exam results had been able to be included. Members noted the hard work put in by PS-O, the RE co-ordinators and SACRE generally.  PS-O has submitted it to NASACRE and to the DfE.  **Action: PG to ask LBS to upload the Annual Report to the Sutton SACRE page and request that it is sent to schools** | **PG** |
| **10.** | **RE CO-ORDINATORS MEETINGS AND SCHOOL VISITS**  Thirteen people attended the recent meeting which focussed on Diwali and Harvest.  Four schools had agreed (in their survey responses) to receive a visit from SACRE.  **Action: PS-O to make arrangements to visit schools and invite SACRE members.** | **PS-O** |
| **11.** | **COURSES FOR RE TEACHERS**  16 co-ordinators had attended the January meeting and had discussed different activities that could be used when teaching about God. Further advice about assessments was available from a national group**.**  Kath Hillman has offered to have a visit at Culvers House school. RE is delivered by the HLTAs and they would be happy to have a visit.  **Action: PS-O will finalise a date to visit Culvers House and advise SACRE members to see who is able to attend.**  PS-O would like to run a course in the Summer term for classroom TAs who are delivering RE.  A course was also run for co-ordinators in November 2016 and 6 had attended. | **PS-O** |
| **12.** | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**  **Details of the NASACRE website are as follows:**  [www.nasacre.org.uk](http://www.nasacre.org.uk)  **Log in: member1617**  **Password is: Gr8RE4a7L!** |  |
| **13.** | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**    **Monday 19th June 2017 at 7.30pm**  **Venue: St John’s Church, Northdown Road, Belmont SM2 6DY** |  |

Closing Time of Meeting: 8.50pm

Chair’s Signature .............................................................. Date.........................