# Minutes

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Monday 19th June 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) | | |  | | Mrs M Cockram (C)  Mr K Siddiqi (A)  Mr L Bracken | |
| Apologies:  Absent: |  | Mr P Henry (C)  Cllr M Burstow (D)  Cllr N Patel (D)  Cllr H Ramsey (D) | |  | | Mrs C Smyth (B)  Rev D Smith (A)  Cllr S Gordon (D  Miss V M Stone (C) | | | |
| In attendance: |  | Ms P Smith-Orr - Consultant/Observer  Ms Sarah Webb, Sutton Schools Network  Mrs P Garry - Clerk |  |  | | | |
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|  | **ITEM** | **ACTION BY** |
| **1.** | **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**  The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. He advised members of the sad news of the passing of SACRE’s ex-Chair, Mr Lal Hussain. Members took a minute to reflect on this and give thoughts to those who had been injured and lost their lives in the recent terrorist attacks and the tragedy at Grenfell House.  The Chair introduced Sarah Webb from Sutton Schools Network (see Item 5.) |  |
| **2.** | **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  Apologies had been received from Councillor Burstow, Revd. D Smith, Mrs C Smyth and Mr P Henry, and were consented. |  |
| **3**. | **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 28TH FEBRUARY 2017**  Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.  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**  PS-O referenced some information that had been provided about Newham Council having made a blanket determination about collective worship in their schools. PS-O advised that whilst it is possible for LAs to do this it is rare and she had checked this for Newham and discovered that it was not the case. MW commented that the application of the rules on collective worship have always been very flexible**.**  **Item 5 -  Letters of Appointment to SACRE**  MW advised that he had written to the synagogue but has not yet had a response.   MC advised that a letter to her head teacher would no longer be required as she was leaving the school.   She expressed her desire to remain on SACRE and would keep the chair updated as to whether she was going to another school.   MW said that should she be leaving teaching she would still be welcome on Saturday as a co-opted member due to her vast experience of SACRE and as a teacher. She would need to be nominated to Group B by the Diocese.    **Item 6**  **NASACRE AGM**  It had not been possible for MC to attend.  PS-O will give feedback on this under Item 6. The subscription invoice has not yet been received.    **SACRE Budget**  In terms of the SACRE budget, RB had discovered that there was a budget of £8600 which SES now hold.   There is now a new managing director, Tracey Burley and Jackie Bulbrook is the financial contact at SES. Clarity is still needed around the approval for consultancy and clerking services for next year.  PS-O noted that the local authority still have a duty to set up a SACRE although they do have the authority to delegate which is what they have done.    **Action:    M/W RB will request a breakdown of the SACRE budget from Jackie Bulbrook.**  **PG and PS-O I will send details of last year's charges and the charges for the current year to MW who will then decide on the recommendations for provision of services to SACRE for the remainder of this academic year and send authorisation to Jackie Bulbrook for payment of such expenses.**  **Item 7 – Other SACREs**  MW had attempted to make contact with Peter Kendrick the Merton SACRE Chair although it was understood that he is retiring.   He will attempt to make further contact with the new chair through the Clerk.  **Item 8 - Survey to Primary Schools**  It was agreed that this would now be circulated in the Autumn.    **Item 11 -  School Visits**  PS-O had exchange several emails with Culvers House and dates had been set but these had been cancelled when other school events had needed to take priority.   She will continue to try and arrange a school visit. | **MW/RB**  **PG/PS-O** |
| **5.** | **APPOINTMENT OF SACRE MEMBERS**  The Chair introduced Sarah Webb as a prospective new member, either in Group A (due to her affiliation with Sutton Vineyard Church or as a Co-opted Member. Sarah works with all the local primary and secondary schools and, as such, would be a valuable member of SACRE and able to share her wealth of experience. |  |
| **6.** | **NATIONAL NEWS**  **NASACRE AGM 16th May**  PS-O I gave an update from the information she had gained from the Chair of Southwark SACRE who had attended the meeting.   There had been two speakers the first being Dr Joyce Miller and the second Professor Ahmed who to talk to about the need for good religious literacy and had given some good examples of this.    The speeches are on the NASACRE website.    **REC commission on Religious Education**  This is on-going. P S-O will be attending the AREIAC conference and will gain some more information.   There will be an interim report published in the autumn. |  |
| **7.** | **SACRE SELF EVALUATION**  Members worked through the evaluation as a group and decided on the classifications for each question and these are shown on the attached Development Plan.  **Action:   Due to time restrictions PS-O will complete Section 2 and populate rest of the form with the answers given by members.**    It was noted that, for some sections, it is almost impossible to answer the questions as the LA has spun out its education services to a traded company and therefore there is now no LA representation on SACRE or monitoring functions carried out by them.  The two main actions which will carry forward into the Development Plan for January 2018 to December 2018 are as follows   * Item 1f and 4f.  SACRE will contact academies to find out which syllabus they are using  and to attempt to forge contacts with the RE leaders in those schools * Item 4f.   SACRE will identify who its key stakeholders are by approaching the Sutton Interfaith forum and continuing to invite members of the wider faith community to meetings | **PS-O** |
| **8.** | **SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017**  The development plan was discussed and progress updated (see January 2017 to December 2017 Development Plan)  The two new items from the self-evaluation (see item 7 above) will be added to the next plan for January 2018 to December 2018. |  |
| **9.** | **KS3 SYLLABUS**  PS-O has made the amendments discussed at the last meeting and this has been sent to the chair.    **Action: PS-O will circulate the final draft to SACRE members by Friday the 23rd of June.   Members should return any comments to her by Friday 30th of June in order that the syllabus can be sent out to schools on the 3rd of July.   These comments should only be in relation to any errors or omissions as changes were fully discussed at the last meeting.** | **PS-O** |
| **10.** | **RE CO-ORDINATORS MEETINGS AND SCHOOL VISITS**  A meeting has been held on the 25th of May and 16 RE teachers attended.  PS-O has made a website [www.reconsultant.co.uk](http://www.reconsultant.co.uk) which has information for Sutton RE Teachers on it  PS-O has also received a lot of emails which she has replied to.   It has been decided that the coordinators meetings will now take place from 3:45pm to 5.15pm.   PS-O hopes that teachers would still be able to attend and added that there has also been an issue with the car park closing at the Chaucer centre at 5.30pm. |  |
| **11.** | **COURSES FOR RE TEACHERS**  PS-O will be organising a course for HTLAs in October since they are now delivering RE. |  |
| **12.** | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**  There was no other business to discuss. |  |
| **13.** | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**    **Tuesday 14th November 2017 at 7.15pm**  **Venue: TBC** |  |

Closing Time of Meeting: 8.50pm

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