

ITEM 6

Time commenced – 6.00pm

Time finished – 7.30pm

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 19 March 2018

Present:

Group A – Christianity and Other World Faiths

Eve Sacker	Jewish Faith (appointed as Chair)
Rev Philip Webb	Baptist Church
Phil Royle	Methodist Church
Lucy Care	Religious Society of Friends
Rev Roy Ninkovic	Serbian Orthodox Church
Mair Bradley	United Reform Church
Qazi Abdul Mateen	Islamic Faith
Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon	Sikh Faith
Errol Vassell	Pentecostal Church

Group B – Church of England

Viv Lawrence
Alison Brown

Group C – Teachers' Associations

Wendy Hardy	ATL
Melvin Harris	NASUWT

Group D – Local Education Authority

Councillor Turner

Co-opted Members

Sam Mitchell	The Open Centre
Peter Harvey	British Humanist Association
Ruth Richardson	Multi-Faith Centre

In Attendance:

Steve Ford	Lead officer to SACRE
Clare Harrison	Derby City Council - Democratic Services
Pam Thompson	Derby City Council - Engagement Officer
Chris Tilley	Derby City Council - Senior School Improvement Officer
Naomi Feldman	Derby Safeguarding Children Board

28/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Graves, Reverend Anita Matthews, Samantha Mitchell, Ruth Richardson, Raj Bali, Katie Lake and Sally Siner.

29/17 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

30/17 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

31/17 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 10 October 2017 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2017 were agreed as an accurate record subject to the following amendments.

Page 4 of the minutes, paragraph six, the word "be" should be inserted into the last sentence so it read "Members queried if training is still being delivered to partner organisations and were reassured that although there has been an abeyance in this over the summer period, when there no co-ordinator in place, however this gap has now been filled and the training will be re-energised".

Page 6 of the minutes, paragraph one, the words "more weight" to be omitted so it read "It was suggested that the results of these surveys are evidence that the views of children who do not have a religion, should be taken into account and that the supplement will help non-religious children have their views recognised".

32/17 SACRE Membership, Resignations and Vacancies

There were no resignations to report.

33/17 SACRE Constitution

Discussion was lead by the Democratic Services Officer regarding the SACRE Constitution. The Group C representative requested an increase in the Group C from one member to two as the two Unions ATL and NUT were merging at a later date to become one Union NEU.

It was resolved to agree the change to the constitution to allow for the number representatives from the National Education Union in Group C to be increased from one to two when the date of the merger was finalised.

34/17 Derby Safeguarding Children Board Update

The SACRE received a verbal report from the Training Coordinator of the Derby Safeguarding Children's Board (DSCB) which updated the Members on the work being carried out by the Derby Safeguarding Children's Board team. There were four printed appendices which accompanied the verbal report, these were:

- Appendix A – Child Adult Safeguarding Audit
- Appendix B – Model Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Appendix C – Interpreter Guidance
- Appendix D – Child Protection Training

All of the above could be found on the Council Meeting Information System to which there is a link below:

<https://cmis.derby.gov.uk/cm5/MeetingsCalendar/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/8858/Committee/1892/Default.aspx>

The Training Coordinator DSCB informed the Members that Derby Safeguarding Children Board had been meeting with partners for the past two years to develop and implement a Multi Faith Strategy. SACRE members were also informed that there was free training available to all members and leaders of faith settings in Derby. Furthermore the Training Coordinator DCSB highlighted that from feedback received from faith settings, they preferred the training programs to be delivered in the faith settings rather than at a designated place, dictated by the training provider.

The Board heard that training sessions within places of worship, included developing a model child protection policy (in conjunction with the Open Centre), developing an audit tool for guidance when safeguarding children and adults with care and support needs, designing bookmarks to be circulated to all Year 6 pupils, developing Guidance when Working with Interpreters and developing links with faith and community groups.

Resolved to:

- a) note the report**
- b) receive further updates from the Derby Safeguarding Children Board at future SACRE meetings.**

35/17 Derby Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education – Derbyshire Humanist Supplement

A Humanist representative, Robin Grinter presented his "Humanist Teaching

Supplement – Religious Literacy for All" to SACRE members and invited their comments. This supplement is available to view electronically via the Council Meeting Information System link below:

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Robin Grinter reiterated that this was an "alternative set of secular values for students who do not have faith".

SACRE Members were invited to discuss the document and recommend that any factual or grammatical errors be amended.

The Senior School Improvement Officer stated that SACRE had one single agreed syllabus for Religious Education in which Humanism is referenced, however it was made clear that this document Humanist Teaching Supplement – Religious Literacy for All was not being endorsed by SACRE but it was to be viewed as a resource for teachers to access should they wish to.

Resolved to:

- a) note the Humanist Teaching Supplement – Religious Literacy for All**
- b) recommend that any factual amendments or grammatical errors be passed onto the author for correction**
- c) recommend that the Humanist Teaching Supplement – Religious Literacy for All be available to teachers as a teaching resource but it was not being endorsed by SACRE.**

36/17 Future meeting Dates

The Democratic Services Officer informed the SACRE members that to comply with the SACRE constitution a meeting needed to be scheduled, one per school term. The next scheduled meeting date was Thursday 19 April 2018, however due to the small time frame between today's meeting and Thursday 19 April it was agreed that the next meeting would be proposed to be held on Tuesday 26 June 2018. The date would be confirmed with SACRE members as soon as it had been confirmed at the Annual Meeting of Derby City Council on Wednesday 23 May 2018.

Resolved to note the discussion and meet on Tuesday 26 June 2018 at 6.00pm.

37/17 Local Updates and Visits

Steve Ford, Lead Officer for SACRE informed the Members that the planned primary training programme had been revisited and the dates would be rescheduled.

38/17 National Updates

It was reported that there was a series of open days at the Jamia Mosque on Rose Hill Street Derby, 18 – 23 June 2018 where the mosque would be open for all to visit.

39/17 Any Other Business

Steve Ford, Lead Officer SACRE suggested that at the next SACRE meeting the use of Religious Education Today as the agreed syllabus, be reviewed to discuss the cost effectiveness of using it.

Steve Ford also suggested discussion at the next meeting on Derby and Derbyshire becoming collaborative and not separate entities with the aim of the cycles coming together by 2019.

MINUTES END