

**1ROTHERHAM STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(SACRE) - 21/06/16**

**ROTHERHAM STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(SACRE)
TUESDAY, 21ST JUNE, 2016**

Present:-

Group A – other Christian denominations and other faiths

Mrs N. Goodwin (Pentecostal) (in the Chair). Mrs. Z. Ahmed (Islamic), Mr. D. Homer (Buddhist), Mr. C. Wells (Methodist) and Mrs. T. Williams (Baha'i).

Group B – the Church of England

No-one present.

Group C – Teachers' Professional Associations

Mrs. C. Webster.

Group D – the Local Authority

No-one present.

62. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE ROTHERHAM SACRE FOR THE 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR.

Two nominations had been received for the role of Chair of RSACRE for the 2016/2107 school year.

As this meeting was not quorate due to some groups not being represented, it was suggested that the item be considered at the next meeting to be held in October, 2016.

63. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIR OF THE ROTHERHAM SACRE FOR THE 2016/2107 SCHOOL YEAR.

Two nominations had been received to jointly cover the role of Vice-Chair of RSACRE for the 2016/2107 school year.

As this meeting was not quorate due to some groups not being represented, it was suggested that the item be considered at the next meeting to be held in October, 2016.

64. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2016.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the RSACRE held on 2nd February, 2016, were considered.

There were no matters arising that were not considered later on the agenda of this meeting.

The School presentations that had been delivered at the last meeting

were described as being informative, and RSACRE members enjoyed the staff and pupils' inputs.

Zaidah Ahmed had been an attendee of RSACRE meetings in her previous role as Community Cohesion Co-ordinator and provided regular updates on this work to the RSACRE. It was questioned who would provide school community cohesion updates at future meetings. Confirmation would be requested from the Assistant Director for Education and Skills.

Agreed: - (1) That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd February, 2016, be agreed as a correct record.

(2) That Karen Borthwick, Assistant Director for Education and Skills, be asked to confirm which officer would provide future updates to the RSACRE in relation to community cohesion matters.

65. CONFIRMATION OF RELIGIOUS AND STAKEHOLDER GROUP REPRESENTATIVES.

It was noted that Lynne Shaw, Salvation Army Representative, had resigned from the meeting. Lynne was asking amongst her Salvation Army contacts in Rotherham for a replacement.

Rebecca Turnbull (Group C - Teaching Profession) and Zaidah Ahmed (Group A – Islamic Representative) were confirmed as members of the RSACRE with immediate effect.

Further efforts would be undertaken to increase the membership and representation on the RSACRE.

Agreed: - (1) Thanks to Lynne Shaw for her commitment to SACRE.

(2) Welcome to Rebecca Turnbull and Zaidah Ahmed. SACRE looks forward to your input at future meetings.

(3) That ongoing efforts be made to increase representation in all Groups of the RSACRE.

66. CURRICULUM CONSULTANT UPDATE.

Nicki Goodwin, Chair of the RSACRE, updated the meeting about conversations that had taken place to secure the role of RE Curriculum Consultant. She had met with the representatives of the Local Authority and Vanessa Gregory's School to discuss arrangements for the 2016/2017 school year. Vanessa would be taking maternity leave from May, 2016, and it had been agreed that she could use 4.5 or 5 'Keeping in Touch' days whilst on her leave to undertake RSACRE work to complete the annual report, attend RSACRE meetings and undertake follow-up work, complete and launch the Agreed Syllabus and organise and lead on

3ROTHERHAM STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) - 21/06/16

the REwards event in June, 2016.

It was likely that the time commitment and resources for the role of Curriculum Consultant for RE would be confirmed on a year-by-year basis, and the available budget would be decreased.

Nicki wished to record her thanks to Vanessa and Susie Arnold (Local Authority) for their work on preserving the role.

Potential options for the future of the role considered developing a 'buy-back' offer for RE Curriculum support that Schools could purchase and greater working with the Sheffield and Hallam Diocese. It would be useful to analyse the offers in place in other local authorities across the country to shared innovative practice. It would be important to consider the statutory and non-statutory aspects of the work of the Curriculum Consultant role to ensure that no double-funding could take place and the Schools were only asked to buy-back the non-statutory functions.

Agreed: - That the information shared be noted.

Agreed: - That Lat Blaylock be contacted to find out what is happening in other Local authorities.

67. FEEDBACK FROM SOUTH YORKSHIRE RE CONFERENCE.

Janet Wells provided an account of her observations from attending the 2016 South Yorkshire RE Conference.

Key points that Janet reported were: -

- All three Key Stages were represented;
- Eye catching use of artwork;
- Knowledge of RE teachers was impressive;
- Knowledge of Christianity and other world religions;
- Exercises that were used – including the pie charts to represent who participants felt were responsible for Jesus' death and their amount of culpability;
- Innovative assessment;
- Participants seemed to be bursting to put the ideas that they had shared and learnt into practice;
- Resources used during the day were available from Lat Blaylock and Vanessa Gregory.

One small dampener on the day, although it did not ruin the experience, was having to pay VAT as an individual attending the course. Attendees present felt that the course should have been exempt due to its nature.

Janet asked that the South Yorkshire RE Course be continued in the coming years.

Agreed: - (1) That the information shared be noted.

(2) That the issue of VAT being applied to the course fee be explored.

68. UPDATE ON THE AGREED SYLLABUS.

Vanessa Gregory, RE Curriculum Consultant, updated the RSACRE on the progress of the Agreed Syllabus.

- The Syllabus and modules would be checked to ensure they could be accessed by children and young people with special educational needs;
- Student progression would be differentiated with 'most', 'many' and 'some' tasks;
- The Syllabus would be launched on Friday 14th October at the Rockingham Professional Development Centre between 1.00 – 4.00 pm.

Discussion was held on how the Syllabus should be disseminated to Schools. Methods considered included disk and USB, although there was a risk for these to be lost, copied, circulated. Schools would be given a free copy of the Syllabus and additional copies and replacements would be charged. A consideration of Copyright was required to ensure that the document had the appropriate levels of watermarking.

Attendees were given draft copies of the Syllabus and three sample modules and were asked for their comments and thoughts on the contents, particularly giving consideration to the interests of the groups that they represented.

Agreed: - (1) That the information shared be noted.

(2) That further work be undertaken on the preparation of the draft Syllabus incorporating the comments of the RSACRE representatives. Copy of Agreed syllabus to be e mailed and a two week window be given for final consultation.

69. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

The following meeting dates has been arranged for the RSACRE meetings for the 2016/2017 school year: -

- October 2016;
- 31 January 2017;
- June 2017 (tbc).

A change to the October meeting date has been arranged to coincide with the afternoon of the Agreed Syllabus launch to be held on Friday 14th October, 2016. The meeting will start at the end of the launch at 4.00 pm

**5ROTHERHAM STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(SACRE) - 21/06/16**

until approximately 5.45 pm. Both events will take place at the Rockingham Professional Development Centre (S61 1HY).