

**1ROTHERHAM STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(SACRE) - 09/10/18**

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TUESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 2018**

Present:-

Group A – other Christian denominations and faiths

Mrs. Z. Ahmed (Islamic), Mr. I. Jones (Evangelical Christian), Mrs. T. Williams (Baha'i) and Mrs. G. Raha (Hindu).

Group B – the Church of England

Mrs. H. Lambert (Diocese of Sheffield).

Group C – Teachers' Professional Associations

Mrs. A. Benbow

Group D – the Local Authority

No-one present

Also in attendance : Mr. D. Rew (Rotherham MBC)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Alam and Watson and from Mrs. R. Turnbull, Mrs. V. Gregory, Mrs. M. Shah, Mrs. C. Webster, Mr. R. Dyson, Mr. A. Griffin, Mr. D. Homer, Mr. M. Wagstaff and Mr. C. Wells.

12. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE 2018/19 SCHOOL YEAR

Agreed:- That Mrs. H. Lambert be appointed Chair of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education for the 2018/2019 academic year.

(Mrs. H. Lambert in the Chair)

13. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE 2018/19 SCHOOL YEAR

Agreed:- That Mrs. T. Williams be appointed Vice-Chair of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education for the 2018/2019 academic year.

14. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19TH JUNE, 2018

Agreed:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th June, 2018 be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chair.

15. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Further to Minute No. 4(2) of the meeting of the Rotherham SACRE held on 19th June, 2018, it was agreed that the log-in details for the NASACRE Internet web site be forwarded to all members of the Rotherham SACRE.

16. ROTHERHAM SACRE - REPRESENTATION

The Rotherham SACRE placed on record its appreciation of the excellent services of Mrs. N. Goodwin (Pentecostal) who was leaving to begin a new project in Rawmarsh.

Consideration was given to a request from the Board of Deputies of British Jews in respect of Jewish representation on the Rotherham SACRE. It was agreed that the Chair contact the Board of Deputies and discuss the possibility of a Jewish representative joining the Rotherham SACRE.

17. ROTHERHAM SACRE - FUTURE RESOURCES (FUNDING AND STAFFING)

Further to Minute No. 2 of the meeting of the Rotherham SACRE held on 19th June, 2018, discussion took place on the urgent need to make an appointment to the post of Curriculum Consultant and to undertake the range of duties required in order to make the Rotherham SACRE effective.

It was noted that the Local Authority had approved a small financial allocation for the Rotherham for the current 2018/19 financial year, although there had been no carry-forward of the unspent amount from the previous, 2017/18 financial year.

A suggested way forward (to achieve a minimum number of nine days for the Curriculum Consultant duties within the current school year) was to:-

(i) ask the person who had previously undertaken the role of Curriculum Consultant to fulfil the role again, as it was noted that the Principal of the secondary school (academy) where this person works is prepared to allow up to five days within the current school year for this person to fulfil this role; and

(ii) ask another member of the Rotherham SACRE to undertake the duties of the Curriculum Consultant on four other days within the current school year.

It was agreed that the Chair and the Vice-Chair would endeavour to obtain replies from the people referred to above, ideally within two weeks and to notify the membership of the Rotherham SACRE.

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Agreed:- (1) That the current position be noted, the actions described above be approved and the various responses be awaited.

(2) That the SACRE working group, referred to at Minute No. 20 below, shall meet and consider the range of duties to be fulfilled by the Curriculum Consultant during the current 2018/19 school year.

18. REWARDS CEREMONY 2019

Further to Minute No. 8 of the meeting of the Rotherham SACRE held on 19th June, 2018, discussion took place on the arrangements for the forthcoming REwards ceremony. It was noted that the event need not necessarily take place at the same time as the annual Children's Festival which was organised by the Local Authority's Children and Young People's Services. Therefore, the next REwards ceremony could possibly take place earlier than the Summer months of 2019. It was agreed that the Chair and the Vice-Chair will have discussions with staff of the Local Authority about the arrangements and report further at the next meeting of the Rotherham SACRE. The Magna Centre was suggested as the preferred venue for the event. In the meantime, the Chair will distribute information to all schools inviting schools to submit schemes for consideration as part of the REwards.

19. ROTHERHAM SACRE - ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

Further to Minute No. 5 of the meeting of the Rotherham SACRE held on 19th June, 2018, consideration was given to the contents of the initial draft of the 2016/17 Annual report of the Rotherham SACRE.

Members of the Rotherham SACRE were invited to forward any relevant information to the Chair, for inclusion in this Annual Report.

Agreed:- That the final version of the Rotherham SACRE Annual Report 2016/17 be considered at the next meeting.

20. ROTHERHAM SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017/18

Further to Minute No. 4(1) of the meeting of the Rotherham SACRE held on 19th June, 2018, it was agreed that the working group comprising Mrs. Z. Ahmed, Mrs. H. Lambert, Mrs. M. Shah, Mrs. R. Turnbull, Mrs. T. Williams, Mr. A. Griffin and Mr. D. Homer shall consider the detail of the development plan and report to a future meeting of the Rotherham SACRE.

21. ROTHERHAM SACRE INTERNET WEB SITE

It was agreed that the Vice-Chair of the Rotherham SACRE, Mrs. T. Williams, be authorised to undertake the role of web site administrator for the Rotherham SACRE Internet web site. Members were asked to send any relevant documents to the Vice-Chair in order that the

web site may be kept up-to-date. <http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/re/>

22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members of the Rotherham SACRE noted details of the following matters:-

- (i) teacher training opportunities from the Holocaust Educational Trust;
- (ii) Islam staff training for Primary Schools.

23. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Agreed:- That the next meeting of the Rotherham SACRE take place on a date to be arranged during January or February, 2019, at the Town Hall, Rotherham.